

JOURNAL OF THE FLORIDA SENATE

Beginning the Eighth Regular Session of the Legislature of Florida convened under the Florida Constitution of 1968, at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, Florida, on Tuesday, the Sixth of April A.D., 1976, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida for convening the Legislature.

Tuesday, April 6, 1976

The Senate was called to order by Senator Dempsey J. Barron, President of the Senate, at 10:00 a.m. A quorum present—40:

Mr. President	Graham	Myers	Stolzenburg
Brantley	Hair	Peterson	Thomas, J.
Childers, D.	Henderson	Plante	Thomas, P.
Childers, W. D.	Holloway	Poston	Tobiassen
Deeb	Johnston	Renick	Trask
Dunn	Lane, D.	Saunders	Vogt
Firestone	Lane, J.	Saylor	Ware
Gallen	Lewis	Scarborough	Wilson
Glisson	MacKay	Sims	Winn
Gordon	McClain	Spicola	Zinkil

Senator Trask introduced The Reverend Quentin Edwards, pastor, First Assembly of God Church, Winter Haven, who delivered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we're so grateful for the privilege of prayer and according to your word, we have the privilege of praying for those in authority. We're grateful that we live in America and that we can live in Florida. Thank you for the privileges we enjoy day by day. Help us never to take them for granted but to be more grateful as we go. We humbly ask your blessings upon these who are in authority—these men and ladies who have dedicated their lives in helping this world and our local government. Keep your hand upon us and bless them individually. Bless our great state and we humbly ask it and we believe it because we believe that you do care about us. We believe you're interested in what goes on in our lives, both individually and across the state.

We ask it in Christ's name. Amen.

Senator Lewis led the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE

The President presented The Honorable Philip F. Ashler, former member of the House of Representatives and presently State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner, to the Senate. Mr. Ashler, narrator of the series of Bicentennial observances during this session, announced the activities for this day and the following were presented:

Fife and Drum Corps of North Florida Christian Schools

Musical program: *Tallahassee* from the musical *Variety Girl* by Melodears of Leon High School; *Modern Music* by Mandella of Rickards High School; William Billings' *Chester* and *America* by Madrigal Singers of Leon High School and *America—our Heritage* by the three groups combined.

The Declaration of Independence was read by Malcolm B. Johnson, Editor of the Tallahassee Democrat:

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IN CONGRESS JULY 4, 1776

THE UNANIMOUS DECLARATION OF THE THIRTEEN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with

certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy of the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

WE, THEREFORE, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

Senator Trask, President Pro Tempore, presiding

Senator Trask thanked the participants for the program.

Senator Trask invited Mr. Robert R. Feagin, president of the Florida Publishing Company, publisher of the Florida Times-Union and Jacksonville Journal, and Mr. John S. Walters, executive editor of the Times-Union and Journal, to the rostrum and presented them to the Senate. Mr. Feagin remarked that the following presentation marked the thirty-first anniversary of the initiation of these awards which were originated by Dr. Allen Morris, in whose name they were carried forward by the Times-Union and Journal after Dr. Morris became Clerk of the House in 1966.

Mr. Feagin presented to the following Senators plaques symbolizing honors voted them in secret balloting by their colleagues in the 1975 Senate:

Senator Kenneth Plante, most effective in committee

Senator W. D. Childers, most effective in debate

Senator Kenneth Plante, runner-up for most effective Senator

Senator Dempsey J. Barron, most effective Senator

On motion by Senator Brantley the following remarks by the President were ordered spread upon the Journal:

Fellow Senators, your relatives and friends, our guests in the gallery, and citizens of Florida: Those of you in the Senate—as well as those who follow the media—already know my position on the major issues of the day.

There is one significant fact, however, which I feel bears observation. The labels "liberal," "conservative," "moderate," or "independent" apparently have little meaning now in Florida or across the nation.

National leaders—and would-be-leaders—are now echoing the theme that the Florida Legislature adopted last year: "That government is best which governs least."

President Ford, in his state of the union address, said: "We must promise no more than we can deliver. . . . and we must deliver all that we promise."

Jimmy Carter, currently leading the Democratic field for nomination as a candidate for the presidency, proposes to reduce the more than 2,000 departments and agencies of the federal government down to no more than 200, and to move toward zero-based budgeting, as he did as governor of Georgia—and as the Florida House of Representatives is doing this year.

Senator Ed Muskie of Maine, generally considered a liberal, said recently: "Why can't liberals start raising hell about a government so big, so complex, so expansive, and so unresponsive that it is dragging down every good program that we have worked for?"

Senator George McGovern, the most liberal candidate to seek the presidency for many years, is saying today: "There is a growing awareness in this country today that government, at almost every level, may have gotten out of hand. . . . A compelling case can be made that government has not always been able to make the distinction between what people really need, as opposed to what some people merely want."

Jerry Brown, the young liberal who is serving as governor of California, cut the growth of government in his state by 12% when his predecessor Ronald Reagan—a conservative—was only able to cut it by 7%.

He did this by hawk-eyeing—as we must—every line of the budget himself, spending as much as an hour on as little as a \$3,000 expenditure. He cut one department from 200 people to 38.

Governor Brown had this to say: "Times are tough, and taxpayers are rebellious, and the problems are quite possibly insoluble by government intervention. Man and all his works,

including government, are limited—and the proper object of power is thus only to *reduce* the sum of human misery a bit, not to try to program it away altogether with money, and data read-outs, and systems analyses.”

Brown abolished the state aircraft pool, refused to live in the governor's mansion, dismissed his personal bodyguards, and has a voter appeal of 87.6%—the highest in the nation. He announced his candidacy for the presidency two weeks ago, and is already running fourth.

Therefore, I submit to you that we need not search our political ideologies or philosophies in an effort to determine what the people of Florida—and the nation—want.

It is clear that they want less bureaucracy on the one hand, and on the other hand more production from government at less cost to the taxpayers and consumers.

Last year at this time I reported to you that government was consuming 33% of the gross national product. This year I must report to you, with great concern, that government is now (according to Arthur Burns, director of the Federal Reserve Board) consuming 40% of the G.N.P.

It is estimated that by the year 2000, if government continues to grow at its present rate, it will consume 56% of all our country's G.N.P.—if in fact we have a G.N.P. then:

When that day comes, democracy will have failed.

I therefore tell you the path is clear. We must now begin to respond to the clear message of our people, as to how we must spend the taxpayers' money—that we hold in trust.

We must either: Provide the necessary government services without new taxes or raise taxes.

Ask yourself: What would my people have me do?

We must cut out costly and confusing duplication of governmental services.

The partnership between the government and the people who support it with their tax dollars must be more equitably balanced.

The people of Florida are carefully observing how well we stand up under the task. If we weaken and fail now, the people *should* — and I believe *will* — look for stronger leadership later this year.

Many long and tedious hours have been spent by committees trying to find a path which will lead us out of the bureaucratic jungle—and still provide adequate services for our people.

Bold new concepts are being considered. Senator Wilson and others are working on a “Sunset Law” which would have the effect of terminating new agencies and programs after a certain period, thereby forcing everyone to re-examine the priorities.

Senator Vogt and others are working on another proposal which would limit the growth of government to a certain percent of the growth of the population, *thereby insuring that government which can only exist with a strong private economy — will never be permitted to destroy that private economy.*

There are other compelling social and economic factors which this legislature must grapple with: For example, the escalating cost of automobile and malpractice insurance touches the lives of every Floridian.

Senator MacKay, your president, and a considerable number of other Senators are deeply committed to a better solution to this complex and vexing problem. This will be *one* of the most hotly debated and difficult issues to come before us this session. I am confident that we will all have the strength to do the job for the people of our state.

A recent Gallup poll indicates that crime is the *number one* concern of American communities. I am pleased to report that the increase in crime in Florida—which was *double* the national average only last year—is only 8% now. However, we must do still better.

I like to think that the passage of the mandatory sentence law last year by this legislature has had a favorable effect in changing the skyrocketing increases in crime in our state.

Realizing that two-thirds of all crimes are committed by repeat offenders who have been released from prison, we know that we must do a better job of rehabilitating the criminal.

We can no longer continue merely to warehouse criminals—until their term expires, and then turn them back out on society with the same criminal attitudes that placed them in prison.

Senator Ware, Senator Scarborough, and others have put forth considerable work to make a better *system*.

We must make available to prisoners—on a voluntary basis—the opportunity to learn a vocation or obtain basic educational tools while they are serving their sentences. We must also put prisoners to *work*, for after all, their victims were working while they were committing crimes.

Last but certainly not least, is the ever-present problem of providing education for our people.

I have said before and still strongly contend that providing education is the first responsibility of an organized society. This does *not* mean however, that funds of taxpayers' can be squandered on effete or non-productive education programs.

It has been adequately demonstrated that throwing dollars alone at problems will not solve those problems. In light of this, we are making an in-depth study of education *at all levels*, and I here *today* invite educators at all levels to *join us* in our resolve to provide a *better* educational system, and—if possible—save dollars while doing so.

I am confident that we can and will make considerable improvements in education at all levels this year, adequately fund the educational system, and do it with the savings we make in improving the productivity of the system.

Without going *into* the many areas we are considering in the field of education, let me point out one: When most of you—as well as most of the taxpayers—attended the public schools, we did not really have many “administrators.” However, I think that it is generally conceded that in many cases, we received a better education *in the basics*. We now have a ratio of one administrator supervising every 13 teachers. We should determine if this is *reasonable* and *necessary*,—especially in light of the fact that each teacher supervises and teaches 22 students.

Before closing, let me give you one graphic example of why people feel we are spending their money unwisely. It is now pretty well admitted that the “New Deal,” “Fair Deal,” “New Frontier,” and “Great Society” simply did not work. Senator Joseph Biden of Delaware, a Democrat of liberal philosophy, wisely observed: “We liberals are becoming as fearful of big government as of the problems it is designed to solve.”

The dramatic conclusion of the Commission on Federal Paper Work is that we spend \$40 billion *each year* shuffling federal papers. Half of this is spent by the federal government sending them out,—and the other half is spent by the private sector returning them.

Now, what is \$40 billion? *That sum* would operate the state of Florida—with *no taxes* to its citizens—for a period of 9 years; Georgia, 17 years; Delaware, 81 years; and Wyoming, 155 years.

This is sheer foolishness, which people will not long tolerate.

Our forefathers, in adopting the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, tried to save us from all of this. They realized that man, in order to produce and be happy, would have to be free.

They realized that within the heart of every person who is worth his salt, is an unquenchable desire to succeed, to provide a better life for himself and for those who follow.

But they realized this could only be accomplished—to its greatest degree if people remained free.

Therefore, we are assured in the Bill of Rights the freedoms of speech, free from unreasonable search and seizure, guaranteed due process of the law, a speedy trial by jury, and to keep and bear arms. This was supposed to guarantee the freedom to innovate, a free spirit for all people.

Thomas Jefferson said, 200 years ago: "Agriculture, manufacture, commerce, and navigation—the four pillars of our prosperity—are the most thriving when left to individual free enterprise."

For the past two hundred years, it seems we have been dead set—through the ever-increasing size and encroachment of government—to dampen and in some cases destroy that freedom.

I am reminded of a dramatic anonymous poem which somehow seems to be appropriate today:

An old man traveling a long highway
Came at the end of a closing day
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide.
He stopped when safe on the other side
To build a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a pilgrim standing near,
"You are wasting your time building here.
"Your journey will end with the closing day,
"And you never again will pass this way."

The builder lifted his old gray head.
"My good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followed after me today
"A youth, who too must pass this way."

"While this chasm has been as naught to me,
"To that fair-haired youth, it may a pitfall be.
"He too must pass in the twilight dim.
"My friend, I am building this bridge for him."

This year, as we celebrate our bicentennial birthday, we must remember that history will record how well we have met the problems of today and the years to come.

I suggest to you that we must begin to build bridges toward a future that will help us to rediscover and reinstate many of the things that we have almost destroyed, lost, or forgotten.

Whatever we do—if it is worthwhile—will be criticized. Criticism is already building from some of the press of Florida, while other segments of the press are beginning their annual practice of dictating what we should do.

For example, we are being told specifically to pass taxes *against the people's will*. In some cases we are told specifically *what taxes we should pass*.

If any of you are inclined to yield to that kind of pressure, let me suggest a simple and quick solution: Point out to your editor that the items that they are suggesting taxing are already the *most heavily taxed* while newsprint and advertising are *not taxed*.

Therefore, I'm sure that any courageous editor would want to include in his proposed specialty items for taxation the untaxed newsprint and advertising. If your editor agrees with you on this, you may assume he is sincere. If he feels this is unrealistic—to tax *his* items—ask him to run a poll in the newspaper to see how the readers feel about the tax he suggests on *them*.

Therefore, I would urge you to disregard the critic who is unwilling to enter the arena which you must occupy. I am reminded of a statement about critics and those in the arena:

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually *in* the arena, whose face is marred by dust, and sweat and blood. Who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause. Who, at best, knows the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst—if he fails—at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

I would remind you that history does not occur only in some far off distant place, or at some far off distant time in the past. The history of tomorrow is here with us today, here in this Capitol at the seat of government in Tallahassee, Florida.

We are the participants. It is my great hope that two hundred years from now, when historians look back on the action that

we take, it will be said that *this legislature* was equal to the occasion.

On motion by Senator Brantley that a committee be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate was convened and ready to proceed with the business of the session, the President appointed Senators Holloway, J. Thomas and Tobiassen. The committee withdrew.

A committee from the House of Representatives composed of Representatives James, Peadar and Becker appeared at the Bar of the Senate and notified the Body that the House of Representatives was convened and ready to proceed with the business of the session. The President expressed the appreciation of the Senate for the report and the committee withdrew from the chamber.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Honorable Dempsey J. Barron, President April 6, 1976

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted HCR 1 ORG. and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Allen Morris, Clerk

By Representative Craig—

HCR 1-ORG.—A concurrent resolution providing that the House of Representatives and Senate convene in joint session for the purpose of receiving a message from the Governor.

—was read the first time. On motion by Senator Brantley, by two-thirds vote HCR 1-ORG. was read the second time by title, unanimously adopted and certified to the House.

The committee appointed to notify the House of Representatives appeared at the bar of the Senate and reported to the President that its duty had been performed. The committee was thanked for its service and discharged.

JOINT SESSION

Pursuant to HCR 1-ORG., the Senate formed in processional order and marched in a body to the chamber of the House of Representatives where they were received in due form. The joint session was called to order at 10:55 a.m. by the Honorable Donald L. Tucker, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Justices of the Florida Supreme Court, the Lieutenant Governor and members of the Florida Cabinet were received and seated.

The Speaker invited the President of the Senate, Dempsey J. Barron, and President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Alan Trask, to the rostrum and requested the President to preside over the joint session.

The President in the Chair

The President declared a quorum of the joint session present.

Prayer by the Senate Chaplain, Dr. Robert M. McMillan:

Our Father, we bring before your presence these who govern our beloved State of Florida. We, the represented, raise our prayers for these we have elected to administrative, judiciary and legislative positions. May these, thy servants, who govern never forget they do so by the will of the people and for the good of the people so that such awareness may preserve them from unwarranted presumptions in the exercise of their powers. May they never confuse the dignity of the office bestowed upon them with personal arrogance lest they alienate those they represent and embarrass the meaning of democracy.

You have taught us, our God, to "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." May we know from these words that You neither intended to leave Caesar without a God nor God without a Caesar but that in a mutuality of human and divine relationships we may govern

best and promote the well-being of the people. So do we now, our God, in your presence accept the priorities of faith while we undertake the dialogue of reason.

The joint assembly pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

On motion by Representative Craig that a committee be appointed to notify the Governor that the joint session was convened and ready to receive His Excellency's message, the President appointed Senators Brantley, Gordon and Ware, and the Speaker appointed Representatives Dick Clark, Rish and Singleton. The committee withdrew from the chamber.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor subsequently reappeared escorting His Excellency, the Honorable Reubin O'D. Askew, Governor of Florida, who was escorted to the rostrum.

The President presented the Governor who addressed the joint session as follows:

Today is a special day in a special year. It is traditional on this day for the Governor of Florida to inform the Legislature of his concerns for our State. It is appropriate in this year for those concerns to assume an added importance as we seek to rededicate ourselves and reawaken our land to the ambitions of democracy.

This is the eleventh time I have addressed the Legislature as Governor. Always before, I have offered specific proposals for fulfilling some of the needs of our State. Always before, I have spoken at this time about those needs, and about the responsibilities we share to the people we were elected to serve.

I will not make specific recommendations now. The proposals I have for your consideration will be distributed to you following this Joint Session. I have something else I want to say at this time . . . something I believe should be said.

The distinguished American psychologist and philosopher, Abraham Maslow, may have expressed what I feel best when he said that "If you demand a perfect leader or a perfect society, you thereby give up choosing between better and worse. If the imperfect is defined as evil, then everything becomes evil, since everything is imperfect."

We all recognize that we do not have perfect leaders. We do not have a perfect government or a perfect society . . . here or anywhere. We never have. We never will. And those who believe we can achieve perfection, in this state or in this life, would do well to take another look at human nature.

This is not to say that we should not strive . . . endlessly and relentlessly . . . for a society much closer to perfection. The measure of a democracy is not its ability to achieve perfection, but its ability to reduce the realm of imperfection. And the measure of the government of a democracy is not its ability to alter human nature, but its ability to respond to human needs.

Our forefathers recognized this in the preamble to our nation's Constitution when they joined together "in order to form a more perfect union." I would submit that . . . together . . . we have reduced the imperfections of Florida in recent years. I would contend that we have responded . . . as never before . . . to human needs.

And, if imperfections linger, if needs remain unfulfilled, this should not be seen as evidence that we have failed. This should not blind us to the fact that . . . for millions of people . . . we have made Florida a better place in which to live.

Our achievements and our accomplishments in Florida should be seen as evidence that we can do more . . . much more. Our

imperfections and our unmet needs should remind us that there is still work to be done . . . not with the promise that we will create the perfect state or become the perfect people, but with the realization that, as a state and as a people, we are still far, far less than what we can be.

And . . . as always . . . I stand before you today prepared to do that work . . . willing to work with you and with the people . . . and anxious to help fashion a future for Florida of which we can all be proud and in which we can all find principle and purpose.

We will determine . . . in this legislative session, in these next sixty days . . . whether we continue to reduce the realm of imperfection in Florida. We will decide whether we continue to respond to human needs. We will decide whether we prove worthy of this historical year.

Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph (e) of our Florida Constitution provides that "The governor shall by message at least once in each Regular Session inform the Legislature concerning the condition of the state." And I want to be very candid in saying to you today that the condition of Florida . . . and the immediate fate of the people of Florida will . . . to a great extent . . . be decided by what we do in the coming weeks.

As Governor, I am persuaded that this is a time for restraint. We must be careful. We must not risk our prospects for recovery. But restraint need not mean retrenchment where the most pressing needs of the people are concerned. And restraint can be accompanied by reform . . . where reform is desirable and where reform is possible in the context of the times.

The people are only now beginning to receive the benefits of the federal tax cut. Our revenue picture in Florida is just now starting to improve. The real per capita income of the people of Florida is expected to increase by 1.4 percent in 1976 . . . the first such increase since 1973.

These are only modest gains. But they are a sign that the condition of the state is improving. And we can expect these envisioned gains to have a positive effect on consumption by Floridians and combine with increased tourist expenditures and what should be a new emphasis on economic development to help achieve a sustained recovery.

Florida must accept its responsibility to act responsibly in these precarious times. If every state . . . at this time . . . increased taxes, we would erase these gains.

We would defeat the purpose of the federal tax cut and jeopardize our anticipated recovery . . . except where such tax increases served to stimulate and not stifle the economy. And we could inflame again the cycle of inflation which robs our people of much of the value of their precious dollars and which, in effect, represents the worst form of indirect taxation.

But how well we face this challenge will depend on how we perceive our responsibilities. It will depend on how we view our respective roles as the chosen representatives of the people . . . and on how we demonstrate our concern that their needs are met. And it will depend as well on how we view the role of government in Florida . . . and on whether we believe in the potential of government in a democracy.

There is an undeniable hostility against government today . . . a saddening hostility that is alien to our tradition of confidence as a people and harmful to us at a time when we are badly in need of confidence. Many people not only do not believe in government. They dislike it. They distrust it. And that is not the tradition we should be celebrating in this state this year.

I am firmly convinced that the people of Florida want to believe in government. They want to believe in their leaders. They want to believe, once again, in themselves, and in the future of this state we all love.

I truly believe that . . . together you and I can help make Florida more of what we all know Florida can be. We can help feed the hungry. We can help care for the aged and the sick. We can help shelter the homeless. We can help make our people more secure in their homes and in their communities. We can help preserve our priceless environment. We can help teach those who want to learn. We can help find jobs for those who want to work. And we can help make better opportunities available for all our people . . . of whatever age, race, handicap, sex, or circumstance.

But, first, we must believe in the necessity for . . . and in the possibilities of . . . government. We must believe that it is possible to use government constructively on behalf of the people . . . as their instrument, their agent, their tool for needed change.

Also, we must believe in the institutions of government. We share a responsibility for those institutions . . . and for the difficult task of making them work. And we must share as well a respect for the distinctions among those institutions . . . distinctions that often give different responsibilities to each of us.

And, finally, we must believe that government belongs to the people. We must understand that, ideally, the government of a democracy should serve as the embodiment of the will of the people.

These should be the guidelines for a greater democracy in Florida . . . a democracy much closer to perfection. They are not new. They should . . . after two hundred years . . . be familiar and acceptable to us all. And it is my belief that we should remember these guidelines . . . and employ them . . . in our work in this legislative session. We should make them the foundation and the framework for all that we do in the name of the people in this bicentennial year.

Our challenge today is to respond to the compelling need for better government in this state . . . to resist the enticing temptation to denounce government and deride government and distrust the ability of government simply because it is government.

That may be an easy way to get headlines in the newspapers or a few minutes on the evening news. It may be an easy and expedient way to attract votes. And I would be among the first to acknowledge the limitations of government . . . and to say that, in Florida, it is something less than what it ought to be.

But government will not work if we dislike and abuse it. And our government in Florida will *not* be what it ought to be unless we really care whether it is actually serving the people.

There are many among us who have legitimate concerns about the size of government, about unwarranted intrusions of government in our daily lives, and about the sluggishness that sometimes characterizes what we call the bureaucracy. I respect those concerns. In some instances, I share them.

But too often such concerns are manifested in ways that do not improve government . . . but injure it. They emerge as an attitude that might have originated as a hope for better

government . . . but can only be described as a cynicism about government. And such an attitude will only add to our imperfections.

The fact remains that government must govern . . . hopefully with the encouragement, with the participation and with the confidence of the people. It is one thing to stress the limitations of government and quite another to repudiate it or pretend that we can abolish it.

Recently, too much attention and rhetoric has been directed, not at suggesting ways to make our government do more things right in Florida, but at encouraging the people of our state to believe we should keep it from doing hardly anything at all. The people are being told what many of them want to hear, but not what they need to hear if we are to respond as we should to their needs.

Through the will of the people . . . we are entrusted with their government. We must understand that our attitude about government plays an important role in determining how the people perceive it . . . and us. For, if we . . . as public officials . . . needlessly damage the credibility of government, we are only damaging our own credibility in the eyes of the people.

While we may intend our efforts to be constructive, many of the people are not always able to discern our intent. And I believe we should be much more aware in this state of the tremendous responsibility we have to the people in depicting their government to them.

Our challenge today is to believe in our institutions of government in Florida . . . and to work in a spirit of cooperation and goodwill . . . as we seek to preserve those institutions at a time when they are being questioned and confronted as never before.

There is nothing wrong with questioning the ways of government. Questioning is an inherent part of our process. And each one of you has every right to expect good answers to your questions. I would never want to insulate the institutions and the actions of government from questioning by the elected representatives of the people . . . or by the people themselves.

To be helpful, questioning should be constructive, and scrutiny should be sincere. They should be offered toward a useful and purposeful end. And some of the criticism we have heard recently has been useful and justifiable.

Yet much of what we have witnessed in Florida has not been useful or justifiable . . . but abusive and irresponsible criticism which has not served any useful purpose.

There is a separation of powers in Florida . . . a separation of powers established by our Constitution. And Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph (a) of that Constitution states that "the supreme executive power" of the government of this state shall be vested in the Governor. Likewise, Chapter 216.023 of the Florida Statutes requires the Governor to act "as the chief budget officer of the state."

I would never question the right of the Legislature to exercise responsibilities reserved for the Legislature by our Constitution. As someone who served in the Legislature for twelve years, I know that good government in Florida must rely, in part, on a proper use of legislative authority. But that authority does not extend to unwarranted intrusions and unnecessary invasions into the responsibilities of the executive branch.

Just as you as a legislature must be diligent in defending the rights of the legislative branch, I must be diligent in defending the rights of the executive branch. And just as each

of you must be ever mindful of the responsibilities of your offices, I must be mindful of those of the office I am privileged to hold. That is what the people expect of us.

And I want to say to you as clearly as I can today that I have every intention of exercising the lawful and constitutional responsibilities of the Office of Governor . . . to their fullest extent . . . and on behalf of the people of Florida.

I have a responsibility as Governor to recommend and defend a budget for our state. Under the Constitution, I have a responsibility to "recommend measures in the public interest." And I have a responsibility to protect and preserve the independence and the effectiveness of the executive agencies of our government.

If there are . . . from time to time . . . differences among the various branches of our government, that should not surprise us. That is democracy. I recognize there will always be differences of opinion on issues and priorities. But those differences should be resolved in a greater framework of affirmation and unity.

And, from those differences, we must reach a consensus that will help the people. Our challenge today is to help in the making of that consensus . . . and to prove by our actions in this legislative session that our government in Florida really does belong to people.

And part of that consensus must be a mutual recognition of the need for checks and balances . . . and of the lasting value of a separation of powers among all three branches of our state government.

I respect your rights . . . as an independent branch . . . to fulfill the responsibilities with which the people have entrusted you.

I ask only for the same respect.

The overriding issues we face in our state are issues of economics. And, in my legislative proposals, I will be suggesting ways we should confront those economic issues. But . . . as I have often said . . . the underlying issue . . . and the issue that encompasses all others . . . is that of confidence. Above all, the people of Florida must have confidence in their government.

Above all, the people must know that we are their allies, and not their adversaries. They must know that we are working for them, and not for ourselves. They must know that we trust them before they will be willing to trust us. And they must know that government is an advocate for the people and a servant of the people in Florida. For that is precisely what government should be.

One year ago . . . in this same place . . . I said my reelection was a mandate from the people for full financial disclosure. More than 230,000 Floridians have given shape and substance to that mandate since that time.

The people of Florida are telling us we must be accountable for what we do and what we say in public office. They are telling us that public office must be viewed as a public trust.

With the help of many members of this legislature, the sunshine amendment is now in the hands of the people. And it is my firm conviction that any additional efforts to improve our ethics laws in this Session should be made in good faith to strengthen those laws. The will of the people should be clear in this regard.

The challenge we share . . . together . . . in the days ahead is to seek out . . . and respond to . . . the will of the people, to

look to the people for help and for guidance in every decision we make. We have every reason to be confident in the people. And we have every reason to be confident in the future of Florida.

Maslow, the psychologist and philosopher, reminded us of our imperfections. He reminded us of our limitations. But he also reminded us of our potential . . . a potential in which we all must believe, and of which we all must be mindful in this special year.

"The demonstration," he wrote, "that wonderful people can and do exist . . . even though in very short supply and having feet of clay . . . is enough to give us courage, hope, strength to fight on, faith in ourselves and in our possibilities for growth."

The people of Florida are a wonderful people. We may have feet of clay . . . because we are imperfect, but we have courage. We have hope. We have faith. And we will fight on.

My best wishes for a good and productive session.

Recommended Program of Governor Askew to the Legislature *THE BUDGET AND EDUCATION*

One of my principal responsibilities as Governor is that of recommending to the Legislature what I consider to be a reasonable and realistic budget. In fulfillment of that responsibility, I am recommending a budget totaling \$2.482 billion in general revenue and federal revenue sharing. The total spending I am recommending from all funds, including trust funds, would amount to \$5.019 billion.

This is a balanced budget, as our Constitution in this State rightly requires. I think all will agree that it is a cautious and prudent budget. It is a budget which reflects a realization that economic recovery is a long, difficult, and tenuous task and one we cannot expect to finish overnight. It is a budget which reflects the hard decisions that are necessary in these hard times—decisions that must be made if times are not to become harder still.

Yet Lieutenant Governor Jim Williams and I believe this budget is responsive to the most compelling needs of our people—needs which, because of hard times, are even more compelling. I submit to you today that, as the elected servants of the people, we must respond to those needs in the work of this legislative session. If we do not, the people will have every right to ask us why.

The recommendations in my budget envision an increase in recurring general revenue spending and federal revenue sharing spending of \$164.8 million during the coming fiscal year over the current fiscal year. Overall, including general revenue and all other funds, recommended spending would amount to a \$568.4 million increase over current estimated spending. These appropriations would include increases of \$216.8 million in general revenue for operations and capital outlay, \$130 million for unemployment compensation benefits, \$97 million in additional federal funds for education, \$52 million in mostly federal funds for health and rehabilitative services, and \$41 million in trust funds for the university system.

These recommended increases seem small only in comparison to the competing and conflicting demands for increased appropriations. Most of these demands are understandable when viewed individually. They represent legitimate desires. But, as Governor, I do not have the luxury of representing any single interest among the people, however legitimate it may be. I must consider—in my actions and in my recommendations—all the needs of the people and balance those needs

as best I can. A budget must balance the needs of the people with their financial ability to meet those needs.

Let me say here—as I have said before—that I firmly believe this balancing process would be more easily and more effectively accomplished in the best interests of the people if we did our budget-making on a biennial basis. I want to commend Speaker Don Tucker, Senate President Dempsey Barron, Senator Lew Brantley, Senator Alan Trask and others in the Legislature for their recognition of this important fact.

The budget increases I propose would not allow us to do all we might want to do—or all that some of the people might like for us to do—through State government this year. But I am firmly convinced that they would enable us to adequately finance the programs that are most needed for the education, health, safety, and overall welfare of the people of Florida.

As part of my recommended budget, I am asking for more than \$1.5 billion in general revenue and federal revenue sharing funds for education, an increase of \$61.3 million in State funding over the current fiscal year. About 60 percent of the dollars in my general revenue budget would be devoted to educational needs, which would include salary increases for faculty, administrators, and professional employees of the Board of Regents.

For higher education, my budget also envisions continuing the policy of the past several years to maintain the same enrollment for freshmen and sophomores, thus encouraging high school graduates to attend our community colleges. It also would provide an open door policy whereby any student graduating from a community college in Florida would be entitled to entrance to the upper level in the university system. We anticipate a 5 percent increase in junior and senior undergraduates under this plan, a 2.51 percent increase in beginning graduates, and a 1.25 percent increase in advanced graduates. My budget does not anticipate any further enrollment limitation.

Yet these recommended increases have been criticized by some as insufficient. Some have questioned the commitment of this Administration to education, and others seem to have forgotten that the policy of equalization in educational finance to which this State is committed by law envisions State and local support for education. Since 1970, it has been the policy of this State to move toward equal educational opportunities for all the school children in Florida, wherever they may live and regardless of the relative wealth of the property tax base in their respective counties. No state in the Nation which has a local school system has gone as far to assure equal educational opportunities for all its school children.

We cannot achieve equal educational opportunities in Florida unless we are willing to look at the total dollars available at the State and local levels. The amount of spending per pupil under our basic education funding program for kindergarten through 12th grade would be increased, under my budget recommendations, from the present \$730 to \$775 per year—an increase of about 6 percent. I would like to remind you that the total education budget for district school board this year is more than \$45 million—dollars raised locally above and beyond the State equalization program—higher than you anticipated in your appropriations in the last legislative session. In other words, the district school boards, even after the holdback in January of \$18 million, have \$45 million more for spending than was anticipated when the Legislature adjourned last year.

We should not be deceived by those who say that my budget recommendations for education would require an increase in local property taxes. Thirty-six counties are already levying the

maximum of eight mills that is allowed by law and they contain 79 percent of the public school students in Florida. My budget recommendations are based on an increase in the tax roll by reassessment and new residential and commercial development in the counties. They are not based on any envisioned increase in the tax rate on the individual property taxpayers, except in 15 other counties where taxes will be increased a total of \$1.5 million—\$1.5 million distributed among taxpayers of these 15 counties. If those concerned with education are sincere about the plight of the property taxpayer, then their position would be consistent and more persuasive if their proposed increases in State taxes would be used to reduce local school taxes and achieve even greater equalization.

A national commentator recently maintained, "America is in headlong retreat from its commitment to education." He suggested that this retreat should be the most pertinent issue in any examination of our national condition in this Bicentennial year. And he added, "At stake is nothing less than the survival of American democracy."

I am concerned that this not happen in this Legislature and in this State. As we focus on pressing social needs, we must not retreat from quality education. A call for educational relevance, for educational accountability, and for educational belt-tightening is not a call to abandon the educational needs of our children. Rather, it is a challenge to education to do a better job.

If the Legislature adopts my recommendations for funding of the K-12 program, State support for K-12 will have increased by 62.5 percent since I assumed office at a time when there has been a 16 percent increase in enrollment. And, if my budget recommendations are accepted, State spending on capital outlay and debt service for the K-12 program since 1970 will total more than \$750 million, more than three quarters of a billion dollars that will have been made available for building schools for this State. This is a greater amount than any other five-year period in the history of Florida. I believe this is adequate evidence of a commitment to education.

The question before us is not whether we will provide adequate money for education, but whether we will provide additional money for education by enacting general tax increases. Or failing that, whether we will provide additional money for education at the expense of the other needs of this State.

It should be understood, as we debate this issue this year, that what we are really debating is not whether we want to provide more money for school children, but whether we want to provide more money for school salary increases.

It is my own feeling that we should approve pay raises in this session for the State employees and the employees of community colleges who were denied any increases in the current year. School teachers were not denied increases this year. In fact, the school districts with an 8.5 percent increase in total dollars available and a 1.9 percent increase in students gave salary increases this year, while state agencies, universities, and community colleges were prohibited from so doing.

This is not to say that the school teachers in Florida do not deserve a pay raise or that the pay increases this year were necessarily adequate. I am proud of the work that school teachers have done and are doing in this State and of the educational system of which they are an essential part. There are thousands and thousands of Floridians who are not school teachers and who did not receive pay increases this year, but who also deserve a pay raise. And there are thousands more who are not even receiving a pay check, much less expecting a raise.

We will not be helping those people and, in the long run, we will not be helping our educational system if we approve large tax increases this year. Economic recovery in Florida is just beginning. The people of Florida are only beginning to receive the benefits of the federal tax cut. The revenue picture for the State is just starting to improve.

Why should we risk this recovery for the sake of tax increase? Why should we risk negating all the emerging effects of the federal tax cut? If every state increased taxes, it would defeat the purpose of the federal tax cut and jeopardize our anticipated economic recovery, except where such increases served to stimulate and not stifle the economy. Florida must act responsibly in these precarious times.

Real per capita income in Florida is expected to increase 1.4 percent during 1976, the first increase for the people of this State since 1973. This is only a modest gain. But we can expect it to have a positive effect on consumption by Floridians when combined with increased tourist expenditures and what should be a new emphasis on economic development to help achieve a sustained recovery.

I do believe, as many of you do, that it is time again for us to examine carefully our tax structure in Florida. I have always maintained that tax reform must be an unending process. With this in mind, I want to urge you to create a commission to make a two-year study of finance, taxes, and governmental responsibilities in Florida which could be of benefit in the work of constitutional revision. The focus of this commission should not be on tax increases, but on tax reform and on economic development through fair taxing policies. It should focus as well on what should be the relative responsibilities of each level of government in our State and how such responsibilities should be fulfilled and financed. But for now—for this year—for this session—it is my firm recommendation that you oppose a general tax increase.

If we agree that we do not want increased taxes, the issue then becomes, how will we spend the money we have? It is my feeling that this Legislature, in addition to its understanding of the needs of education, should also have a clear understanding of its responsibilities in the area of social services. Who will help the poor if we do not? Who will help many of the elderly if we do not? Who will help many of the sick if we do not? And who will address the issues of criminal justice in Florida, of crime and courts and prisons, if we do not?

I ask you to consider these questions as you review my recommended budget.

SALARIES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

At a time when our State government is being challenged as never before, we cannot afford to overlook the essential contributions State employees make to the work of our government. Their contributions are essential. They have every right to expect fair treatment and fair pay in return for their contributions.

I am recommending pay raises, merit increases, and benefits totaling \$83.5 million for career service employees, appointed officials, the faculty, administrative and professional employees of the Board of Regents and employees under the pay plan at the State School for the Deaf and the Blind.

This recommendation would assure each career service employee hired before July 1, 1975, of an annual increase of at least \$500 and would provide additional amounts needed to bring

salaries up to competitive levels, class by class, as well as money for merit increases.

It would also assure pay raises averaging \$1,500 for positions under the Board of Regents, along with competitive adjustments and merit increases for positions at the School for the Deaf and the Blind. And, in addition, my proposal would—for the first time—finance 75 percent of the cost of \$3,000 of life and accident insurance for all employees participating in the State insurance plan.

This recommendation would require \$55.2 million from general revenue and \$28.3 million from trust funds in the coming fiscal year. It would help us make State salaries comparable to those paid for similar work by private industries, local governments and other employers with whom the State must compete for qualified employees.

Based on a thorough pay survey, I have included \$63.3 million for increases needed to bring classifications in the career service system up to competitive levels, \$9.9 million for merit increases for career service employees, \$847,141 for insurance, \$208,530 for increases for appointed officials, \$9.2 million for increases for positions under the Board of Regents, and \$130,674 for increases for positions at the School for the Deaf and the Blind.

State, university, and community college employees did not receive a pay raise this year. Most have not received a raise in two years. They deserve a raise. The men and women who work in State government are the most valuable asset of our government. If we are really serious about wanting our government to work as it should, then we will do all we can to help the people who work for our government.

But let me say this as well—I will vigorously oppose any attempt to give public employees the right to strike. And I think those who might consider seeking passage of a constitutional amendment to give them that right should know that such efforts could well prove to be counter-productive—that they would make far more difficult the already difficult process of making collective bargaining work in Florida.

As we seek to protect the public investment in public employees by assuring adequate salaries, we must also assure the public that governmental services will not be interrupted. We should take whatever steps are necessary to clarify and strengthen our laws, wherever needed, to protect the public against even the serious consideration of a governmental strike.

At the same time, management at every level of government in Florida should be made aware that attempts to frustrate the proper functioning of our collective bargaining law will only encourage confrontations the people of Florida do not need and will not tolerate.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We have strived for a balance in Florida—a balance between the need for economic growth and the need for environmental protection. This has led us to adopt environmental laws which have become models for the Nation. It must lead us now to manage growth within the context of those laws and within the context of our continuing commitment to our environment.

We expect growth in Florida. We need economic improvement. We need the jobs that the right kind of growth can bring. It must be properly guided, directed, and channeled, wherever possible, to where it is most needed.

Unemployment in Florida is still substantially above the national average. We must do all we can now to help the people

of our State find work. And, at the same time, we must do all we can to strengthen our economy in ways that might help soften the impact of future recessions.

Tourism, construction, agriculture—these industries have been the backbone of Florida's economy. We must continue to support them and strengthen them wherever we can. We need new and different industries in Florida as well—industries that will provide a broader base for employment, profits, revenue, and prosperity.

If we want these industries—if we want economic development and diversification—if we want the right kind of growth for Florida—if we want a lasting prosperity for our State and our people, we must go into the marketplace.

We must aggressively seek the new industries and the new investments that we need. We must improve our tax base in this State so that we can have more revenue for the needs of the State. We must use the power and the potential of the State government to make new opportunities for the people.

With all this in mind, I ask you today to accept my recommendation for trade and investment offices for Florida in New York, Los Angeles, Europe and Asia. I ask you to accept my recommendation for an expanded international development program in Miami to promote trade and tourism with the nations of Latin America.

I urge you to approve—in full—the \$4.5 million I have recommended as the budget for the State Division of Economic Development. This recommendation amounts to a \$3.5 million increase, an increase of 345 percent over the general revenues approved for this important agency last year.

I also urge you to approve—in full—the \$4 million I have recommended as the budget for the State Division of Tourism. This is a proposed increase of more than \$2 million, slightly more than 100 percent over last year's appropriation. It is absolutely essential that we give this great industry the attention it deserves and needs for continued health and success.

If we are really sincere about confronting our economic problems in Florida—if we really want to improve and expand our economy—if we really want to strengthen our traditional industries and secure new industry—then we will invest the necessary revenue and the resources of the State in a positive and productive program of economic development.

And, if we are really sincere about finding jobs for our people, we will provide for Florida a job training program to serve the needs of the people and of the new industries we are seeking. We need a program that will respond directly and immediately to the needs of these new industries. I have recommended the appropriation of \$1 million for such a program in my budget. This recommendation should be considered separately and apart from the vocational education program. It could be a substantial tool in the hands of our industrial representatives. I urge your approval. What benefit will economic development be if we succeed only in bringing more people to Florida, while the people who are already here remain unskilled and unemployed, without hope and without the happiness that can come from a newfound prosperity? What benefit will economic development be if it bypasses the people who elected us and are depending on us to help them through these troubled times?

The Legislature should also explore the possibilities of developing free trade zones for foreign trade in Florida, as proposed by Senator George Firestone. This, too, might help us in our program of economic development by assisting our ports and increasing the flow of foreign capital through the State.

ENVIRONMENT

As we look for new and better ways to develop and diversify our economy, we must remember that a lasting prosperity in Florida can be founded only on a conscientious respect and regard for our environment. As I have said many times and in many places, I cannot separate the future of Florida's economy from the future of Florida's environment. And, in our work in this legislative session, we must remain mindful of what we want the future of Florida to be—environmentally as well as economically.

We accomplished much this past year with the reorganization of our environmental agencies. We united, for the first time, our efforts at the State level to improve both the quantity and the quality of water in our State. We simplified the permitting process. We passed a local comprehensive planning act and a new communities act that will help us immeasurably in our efforts to balance the needs of our economy with the necessities of our environment.

But much remains undone. As Speaker Tucker and others have reminded us, we need additional protection for our coastal and interior wetlands. And we still need to give to the State a power already exercised by the cities and counties—the power of eminent domain in the acquisition of parks and recreational lands. And I believe it is important to maintain a strong State air quality and noise control program in Florida.

Our efforts to develop our economy and increase tourism will mean little if we do not sustain our commitment to the protection of our beaches and shores. I urge you to accept my recommendation for about \$1.8 million for beach restoration and erosion control—a recommendation that is of crucial importance to Jacksonville Beach, to Miami Beach, and to other coastal cities of our State.

I would like to call attention as well to the 24 new positions and nearly \$360,000 I have recommended for the Department of Environmental Regulation to help us assure an adequate supply of clean drinking water for the people of our State. These new positions are absolutely essential. If we really care about our environment, if we really care about our economy, then we will take this necessary step to protect our precious water supply.

The people told us last month how very concerned they are about water and water problems in Florida when they passed the referendum on taxation for water management districts by more than 100,000 votes. Knowing how the people generally feel about taxes, I think we should now also have a clear understanding of how they feel about water.

I want to assure you today that I will cooperate in every way I can with Senator Phil Lewis, Senator Guy Spicola, Senator Bob Graham, Representative Bill Fulford, Representative Gus Craig and others among you as you work to implement the water referendum.

As we develop comprehensive water management programs for Florida, we face very hard decisions regarding priorities in water usage among residential consumers, agriculture, and industry. The 1972 Water Resources Act put us in a good position to be able to handle these problems.

The availability of pure, clean, fresh water may well become the most important and most controversial issue in Florida within the next few years. I submit that we cannot ignore this issue. And we cannot ignore our responsibility to plan for the future where the water resources of this State are concerned. One way we could meet our responsibility on this issue would be by granting authority to the State by constitutional amend-

ment to sell bonds for establishing water systems similar to the authority we presently have in pollution control. I urge you to study the feasibility and necessity for such authority.

SOCIAL SERVICES, FAMILIES, AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE

It has not been easy for the people of Florida to endure the hardships of inflation and recession. Many have suffered. But the poor have suffered more than others. And the children of impoverished families have suffered most of all.

I am recommending an increase of \$11.4 million, including \$4.9 million in general revenue for increased assistance to poor families in Florida. This would increase the maximum payment for family assistance in this State from 74 percent to 80 percent of the established budgetary standard—a relatively small increase, but one of great importance to all those it would help.

More than 249,000 people are receiving family assistance money in Florida today. Seventy-four percent of these people—in excess of 184,000—are fatherless or motherless children. Since December 1972 our caseload of families with dependent children has decreased by nearly 90,000 people, an action which sometimes goes unnoticed and unpublished. Our welfare and Medicaid payments alone would be approximately \$64,000,000 more if the caseload had not been reduced. In many instances, the family assistance we provide is the only means of support these people have—their only source of money for food, fuel, clothing, and shelter.

The increased support I am recommending is not excessive. It is hardly enough and it will not free these children, or their families, from the chains of poverty. It will not end their deprivation, but it will help provide them with the bare essentials of life.

Under this proposal, maximum payments would increase for a family of four from \$170 to \$184 each month. I believe we can afford this small increase. We can afford \$14 more per month for a family of four who must live with the cruel facts of poverty. We must offer help and hope to those who need our help.

And we can also address ourselves to strengthening the family in Florida by your consideration and action on the recommendations of the Task Force on Marriage and the Family. The laws of Florida should clearly reflect a commitment to the preservation of marriage and the family. Senator Bob Graham, Senator Phil Lewis, Representative Dick Hodes, Representative Elaine Bloom, Representative Billy Joe Rish, and Representative Mary Grizzle were among those involved in the work of the task force. I share their desire to keep marriage and the family a meaningful and an essential part of the life of this State.

I want to mention as well our efforts in other social services—efforts I believe should have a high priority in this legislative session. How can we have a responsive government in Florida if we are not responsive to social needs? Who will help those who cannot help themselves if we refuse to help them?

I am recommending an increase of \$10.9 million for mental health services in Florida. This recommendation would enable us to open the new North Florida Forensic Treatment Center in Gainesville for 225 patients and the new children's treatment units at the Northeast Florida State Hospital in Macclenny and at the Mental Health Institute in Tampa.

I am also requesting an increase of nearly \$8.4 million for retardation programs in Florida. This increase would help us continue serving the needs of the 4,500 retarded men, women

and children in our State institutions, increase the number of retarded children we can place in foster and group homes from 2,590 to 3,340 and expand the number of outpatients served within our communities from 11,900 to 13,500.

In addition, I am recommending an increase of \$4.8 million for Youth Services programs, primarily to accommodate anticipated increases in commitments to residential programs as well as probation and after-care services.

I am also seeking an additional \$1.1 million for administration of the food stamp program, \$1.5 million for expanded child support programs, \$158,000 for day care licensing, and more than \$3.6 million for foster home and emergency shelter care for homeless and unfortunate children.

Each of these recommendations has been made after long and careful consideration. They are probably the most we can afford and certainly they are also the least we can afford—if we truly believe in the future of this State and especially if we want to believe in the future of the thousands of children who would benefit from your acceptance of these recommendations. I urge you to accept them.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

As always, our first responsibility in government is to protect the people from lawlessness and crime. The people of Florida must be free of fear. They must know that we are doing all we can in government to sustain—fairly and justly—the rule of law in this State.

We all know that crime continues to increase in Florida, as elsewhere. And the problems of our system of criminal justice in this State—of our law enforcement agencies, our courts, our prosecutors, our public defenders, our prisons—must be seen as one of the most serious issues we face in this legislative session.

The people will not be consoled by hollow rhetoric. Nor would they be content with a State in which criminals could commit crimes and believe they would not have to suffer imprisonment for crimes that deserve imprisonment because of a lack of facilities. The people will not be content with easy answers. They know there are no easy answers. The people want solutions to our criminal justice problems in Florida. It is our responsibility—as the elected servants of the people—to try our best to find those solutions.

The latest crime statistics deserve our attention. According to a report released by the Department of Criminal Law Enforcement last week, serious crime in Florida increased eight percent last year. That increase is far too high. But it is also far below the 30.5 percent increase recorded in 1974. And the growth in the crime rate in Florida in 1975 was less than the national average for the first time in five years.

Violent crime increased 5.1 percent in 1975, compared to an 18.1 percent increase in 1974. Nonviolent crime increased 8.3 percent, compared to a 31.9 percent increase in 1974. The murder rate, the robbery rate, the car theft rate—all declined.

All this must mean that our efforts to fight crime are finding some success. We have been arresting criminals. We have been convicting them. And we have been sending them to prison, often to serve longer sentences.

But these successes remain insufficient. We have no way of knowing whether the trend will continue. And we have only to look around us to know that there is a compelling need for an overall reassessment and reform of our system of criminal justice.

The problems in our prisons require continued attention and immediate action. There are now about 16,000 inmates in Flor-

ida's correctional institutions. The Department of Offender Rehabilitation estimates that by June of this year there will be 18,000 and by June of next year there will be more than 20,000.

The population of our prisons has increased more in the past 18 months than it did in the previous 14 years. And still there is no end in sight. Still, the population is growing, and our prisons are becoming more crowded, despite our best efforts.

This situation must not continue. And we should understand as we begin the work of this session that it will not continue. If we do not act to solve our problems with crowded prisons in Florida as we should, then those problems will be solved for us—perhaps in ways we would not prefer.

I have never believed that simply building more prisons is the answer for Florida. But I have consistently urged the expansion of our correctional system where expansion has been necessary to meet legitimate needs. And I am convinced that we must build more prisons this year to eliminate crowded conditions that could prove dangerous as well as inhumane.

Therefore, I am recommending that we spend \$65.3 million to build facilities to house 4,200 inmates, to finance equipment and buildings for expanding the prison industries work program, and to pay for necessary repairs and renovations at existing institutions throughout the State. To avoid delays we have sometimes experienced in selecting sites for new institutions, I am recommending that the new facilities be built at specific locations where State-owned land is already available.

Specifically, I am proposing that we build five new 600 inmate prisons—one in Orange County, one in Charlotte County, one in Citrus County, and two in Dade County. I am also proposing completion of the 600 inmate prison in Polk County and expansion of the capacities of prisons in Hillsborough and Dixie Counties by 300 inmates each.

Also, I am asking for an increase of \$22.6 million—of 32.1 percent—in the budget of the Department of Offender Rehabilitation to provide more manpower and more expertise in dealing with these problems. That much of an increase will be necessary just to feed, clothe and care for the several thousands of inmates we already have, and the additional inmates we expect to have before the end of the next fiscal year.

Crowded prisons only breed more crime and more hardened criminals. I urge you to help fight crime by taking what I consider to be the most responsible action we can take at this time—by accepting my recommendations. And, as you examine these recommendations, I hope you will examine as well all the aspects of our correctional system in Florida.

If we are serious about confronting crime, we must also be serious about confronting the problems within our prisons. And those problems extend far beyond the issues of crowded conditions. The two problems, crime and corrections, cannot be separated. Lasting answers to one problem cannot be found without lasting answers to the other. And this situation is not unique to Florida. These are problems nationwide, and even in the federal system.

Already we are investing a wealth of time, talent and money in our correctional system. And now we are about to invest more. But, despite all this investment, our efforts at rehabilitation of the people we place inside the prisons in Florida have often failed. And we have found it difficult to succeed in recent years when most of our efforts have been—of necessity—focused on the pressing problems of confinement.

Last December, I created a Task Force on Corrections. Lieutenant Governor Jim Williams acted as chairman of that

task force which, upon my recommendation, examined our criminal justice system in this State. I asked them to study the whole concept of corrections in Florida, from arrest to trial to confinement to parole.

What that task force found should be of interest to us all. And we should employ their findings in the work of this session. We should use what they learned in the past few months to learn more in the next few months—and perhaps begin to find the answers we need.

The task force—composed of distinguished representatives of the Legislature, the Judiciary, and various executive agencies—discovered how diverse our criminal justice system really is in this State. They found that we have no unified way of understanding exactly what is happening in the system—and no unified approach to the task of assembling and interpreting information about the system.

The task force examined the effects of having a system that is composed of several autonomous authorities representing different branches and levels of government. They saw firsthand how difficult such a fragmented system is to manage. And they recommended the creation of a Criminal Justice Advisory Council to improve the management of the criminal justice system.

This council would coordinate and review programs within the system. It would meet regularly and report no less than annually to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Judiciary. I ask you today to create such a council—so that we can have a more unified and a more manageable criminal justice system.

The task force also discovered that the information systems which are part of our criminal justice system are incompatible. It is not possible now to trace the progress of any one individual through the system since record-keeping practices within the system differ greatly.

This hinders analysis and greatly reduces our ability to judge the performance of our criminal justice system. I feel we should respond to this problem in this session by supporting the efforts of Senator Ed Dunn and others to fix responsibility, to set policies and issue regulations for criminal justice information systems. This would also improve our management capabilities where crime and corrections are concerned.

The task force also learned that there has been an increasing use of incarceration in Florida—while there has been a corresponding decrease in our reliance on probation and parole. The probation rate has dropped by at least ten percent in the past two years. The parole rate in fiscal year 1974-75 was 13.6 percent less than it was in fiscal year 1973-74. The task force estimated that the fiscal impact of the decrease in the probation rate during 1975 alone was more than \$60 million for feeding, housing, and clothing these inmates.

We must reassure the judges in Florida of the importance of probation. We must reduce the caseload of parole and probation officers to improve our supervisory practices. We must reassure the Judiciary, the Parole and Probation Commission, and the people of the effectiveness of parole and probation as an alternative to confinement in Florida.

With these facts in mind, I am recommending today that we increase the budget of the Parole and Probation Commission by \$3.5 million—an increase of 22.7 percent. This would enable the commission to reduce the caseload from an average of 84 to an average of 70 for each parole and probation officer in the State. I am also recommending a lump sum totaling \$810,000 for the commission and the Department of Offender

Rehabilitation to provide for any increase in workload not anticipated in the regular appropriation.

I believe these recommendations would help us be more certain in Florida that those who should be released on probation and parole are actually released—and that those who should remain behind bars are kept where they belong.

But we should all realize that simply putting people behind bars—and leaving them there—will not solve our crime problem. For some, that is the only answer. It will always be the only answer. But for others, it only compounds the problem. Of the nine most populous states in the Nation, Florida—by far—has the highest rate of incarceration.

We are sending more people to prison. And we are leaving them there for longer than most other states. But this does not seem to have solved our crime problem. And it will not solve it in the future.

It may be that we have approached corrections in the wrong way—that we have often required some superficial evidence of rehabilitation as a condition of early release instead of allowing offenders to decide freely for themselves whether they really want to participate in rehabilitation programs. Genuine rehabilitation would become more of a reality in Florida if we did not mandate the illusion of rehabilitation—if, instead, we simply made decent educational and occupational opportunities available to offenders and, in addition to work requirements, encouraged them to take advantage of those opportunities.

Our goal in Florida should be useful and regular work for every inmate in our system, except where inmates must be confined for security, disciplinary, health, or other valid reasons. Such work is consistent with our goal of rehabilitation. And, inmates should be required to make a positive contribution to the maintenance of the system. This would help pay for the costs of the system and limit the burden on the taxpayers.

As I have said before, I remain unconvinced about the concept of “flat time” sentences that is now being studied by the Legislature. It should be studied carefully. And we should remember that our criminal justice system is only now beginning to adjust to the changes we have mandated in corrections already in the past two years.

I know that the appeal of “flat time” sentences can be attributed, at least in part, to an awareness among many members of the Legislature that there are unfair disparities in the sentences many offenders must serve. I have long supported the concept of sentence review to assure fairness. And, once again this year, I urge you to address that issue.

I also believe that some meaningful discretion in sentencing must be left to judges. With this in mind, and also to assure fairness, I believe all new trial judges should attend orientation and training programs at the state or national level within one year of assuming judicial office. I urge you to support the request of Chief Justice Ben Overton for the creation of sentencing seminars or institutes for all juvenile and criminal court judges in Florida.

And I believe that we should strengthen our traditional commitment to the concept of parole—rather than abandon it without really knowing what we are embracing in its place. This may be done through the use of parole based on performance by an inmate according to mutual agreements made upon entering the correctional system. This is often called contract parole. Representative Don Hazelton has done outstanding work in this area. I suggest an examination of his and

other proposals for contract parole as a positive step toward improving corrections in this State.

We also need to act this year to improve our system of justice as it is administered in our courts. Apart from the adoption of merit selection and retention for judges, we must be certain that our courts are funded in a way that will enable them to administer criminal punishment strictly and swiftly and fairly.

I am persuaded that there is truth in the belief that deterrence is to be found more in the certainty and the immediacy of punishment than in the duration of punishment. For this reason, I am recommending that we increase appropriations for State attorneys, public defenders and courts this year by \$8.1 million—an increase of 12.1 percent in State funds. I am also recommending that you approve the new judges and administrative positions requested by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

I also agree with Task Force on Corrections that all State attorneys’ offices should be required to develop written policies and guidelines on screening, plea bargaining, pre-trial intervention, and other practices. Having such policies and guidelines available could do much to assure fairness and consistency.

Furthermore, it has long been my belief that we should hold criminals accountable for their crimes. A criminal act is an injury of society and, in almost all cases, of another person. A criminal should repay both society and his victim for the injury his criminal act has caused. I urge you today to enact legislation which would allow—and encourage—judges to require criminals to pay court costs and make restitution to their victims.

I urge you, again this year, to adopt legislation to prohibit the manufacture, assembly, sale and possession of the “Saturday Night Specials” that are instruments of death. And we should enact as well a 72 hour waiting period for the purchase of all handguns.

Also, I am asking you once again to ignore the pleas of those who prey on the unfortunate and adopt a comprehensive reform of our bail system in this State as proposed by Senator George Firestone. Our present system of money bail discriminates against the poor, and it burdens the taxpayers with the cost of detaining those awaiting trial who need not be in jail. There is no reason why it should not be changed by this Legislature.

I also want to urge you—in the strongest possible terms—to provide the necessary funding for the Florida Department of Criminal Law Enforcement. If we are really serious about fighting crime in Florida, if we really believe the State—as well as local governments—has a role to play in combating crime, then we will not fail to offer full support to the department of State government that is responsible for assisting in enforcing our criminal laws.

And, finally, I am asking you today to take what I have come to believe is a necessary step to the solution of our problems with crime in Florida. I am asking you to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot in November giving the people an opportunity to approve the creation of an independent office for a Statewide Prosecutor to more efficiently and effectively prosecute organized crime and official abuses that are of State concern.

I would recommend that this Statewide Prosecutor be appointed by the Governor, who is charged by law with the responsibility of assigning State attorneys outside their circuits. This appointment should be subject to Senate confirmation.

Pending the outcome of a vote on this constitutional amendment, I recommend the creation of a permanent staff for use by the statewide grand jury. This staff should be appointed by and located in the office of the State Attorney for the Second Judicial Court.

It should not be necessary for me to explain why this Statewide Prosecutor is necessary. Our present prosecutorial capacity is not designed to deal with all our varied crime problems. We must have the resources that only an independent office at the State level can possess—and with a jurisdiction to match the problem.

Ask the people in your legislative district. Ask them what they have seen happening in their communities. Ask them what they have seen happening in their State. And they will tell you. They will tell you why we need a Statewide Prosecutor to fight crime—however and wherever it occurs—in this State.

JUDICIAL REFORM

There is no need for me to explain why additional judicial reform is needed in Florida. Our courts are the guardians of our laws. They are the custodians of our respect for a lawful and just society.

At a time when our institutions of government are being tried in the court of public confidence, the judges in our courts must have the confidence of the people. We must act now to help remove money and politics from the judicial process.

Last year I recommended adoption of the Missouri Plan for merit selection and retention of judges in our State, as recommended by the Judicial Council of Florida, The Florida Bar, the American Bar Association, and the American Judicature Society. I said then, and I will say now—this plan would not be a panacea for all our judicial problems. But I am persuaded—as are many other Floridians—that passage of the Missouri Plan would help renew the confidence of the people in their courts.

Our system of choosing judges in Florida is more an illusion than a reality under the present elected system. Judges in Florida have rarely been chosen in competitive elections by the people. Most often, they have been initially appointed and then reelected without opposition, again and again, for as long as they wished to remain on the bench.

Only one incumbent Justice of the Florida Supreme Court has been defeated in the past 50 years. Only one judge on a District Court of Appeals has been defeated in the past 20 years. Incumbent circuit judges have been unopposed in 85 percent of their reelection campaigns in the past 20 years.

Candidates for judicial office learn how difficult it is to campaign in a large geographical area, particularly in a statewide race for the Florida Supreme Court.

It is obvious to all just how awkward, even distasteful, but yet necessary, it is to raise campaign funds from the lawyers who will ultimately practice in a court presided over by a successful judicial candidate who accepted their contributions.

We have taken some positive steps toward judicial reform in recent years. Partisanship has been removed from judicial campaigns. The courts have been streamlined and uniform jurisdiction and administration have been established. In addition, Article V of the State Constitution provides for judicial nominating commissions to review all vacancies in judicial offices. All these changes have helped. But they are not nearly enough.

Last year I suggested that we begin by introducing merit selection and retention at the appellate level in Florida. Today I am asking you to apply the Missouri Plan to all the State judicial offices in Florida, of which there are more than 400.

The introduction of the Missouri Plan would help us improve the quality of justice. It would provide the broad participation and perspective we need in our judicial system. If we are really serious about wanting to respond to the need for an improved process of judicial selection and a capable court system in this State, then we will act on this issue now.

TRANSPORTATION

We have long recognized that a well-planned, integrated, and thoroughly modern transportation system is vital to the welfare of the people of Florida and to our economy. And, traditionally, we have been able to provide such a system by relying on taxes on gasoline and other motor fuels.

But, as we all know, circumstances have changed in recent years and changed drastically. The experiences of the Arab oil embargo in 1973 and the ensuing energy crisis have illustrated only too well the impact shortages of gasoline and other fuels can have on the transportation programs of this State.

We have realized that we must alter our traditional practices of energy consumption in Florida. We have realized that we must diversify our transportation system. And we must realize that we need an expanded revenue base if we are to accomplish what the people want and expect us to accomplish in providing the transportation they need.

We need better primary roads in Florida. We need to complete the initial segments of Interstate 95 and Interstate 10 and determine ways to accelerate completion of Interstate 75 and the rest of our vital interstate system. We need to resurface many of our roads and repair many of our bridges. We need to make mass transit a reality and not just a rhetorical promise for the people of this State. And this can be done only by keeping our commitments for initial development of mass transit systems, though it must be understood that the ultimate responsibility for operation of those systems will remain at the local level.

But we will not be able to fulfill all our responsibilities to the people where transportation is concerned without adequate revenues. Motor fuel taxes per capita in 1975, when adjusted for the telling effects of inflation, were actually lower than the motor fuel tax revenues in 1960. There is no evidence to suggest that, without any changes in the base, revenues will return to the traditional rate of growth we enjoyed before the oil embargo. In fact, they should not if our energy conservation practices succeed.

I made recommendation of an increase in the gasoline tax an exception to my general opposition to increased taxes in part because I am convinced it is the one tax we could increase with an overall positive effect for our economy. It would stimulate our ailing construction industry and provide new jobs for our people—building the roads, the bridges and the transit lanes we need at lower costs than by delaying these projects. The effects of these new projects and these new payrolls would be felt throughout the State.

Yet I know this is not a popular proposal with the Legislature, and I recognize your reluctance to address this issue. However, it is an issue which we must face if we are really serious about meeting our growing transportation needs in Florida.

As you know, my principal reason for taking this initiative was the potential loss of \$122 million in federal highway

money for fiscal 1976-77 because of a lack of matching State funds. I am pleased to say at this time that the use of county secondary road funds used for primary right-of-way as federal aid match and anticipated changes in the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1976, which may be out of Congressional conference committee as early as this week, apparently will allow Florida to survive another year without loss of its share of federal highway dollars.

This means our problems are a little less critical for now. But those problems will not go away. The long-range needs remain and they cannot be solved without additional money—money that would help us protect our multi-billion dollar investment in highways and bridges, money that would enable us to move up our timetable by as many as fifteen years to place the last interstate project in Florida under contract before the beginning of the next century, and money that would enable us to meet an increasing financial responsibility for mass transit programs throughout the State—a responsibility, I might add, that is in keeping with the longstanding intent of the Legislature.

The proposed increase would also be of substantial benefit to the counties of Florida. Too often in the past, counties have been required to use their entire secondary tax budget to acquire right-of-way for State roads, thus leaving nothing for secondary road maintenance. The increase would mean an additional \$20 million per year to the counties for secondary roads.

The recommended increase also would produce revenue to replace the \$22.5 million in second gas tax funds from the fifth and sixth cents of the tax we now have in the working capital trust fund of the State Department of Transportation. This money would be released to the counties at the rate of \$7.5 million per year over the next three fiscal years.

The Department of Transportation also would be able, with the recommended increase, to assume the responsibility for paying for relocation of publicly-owned water and sewer facilities because of primary construction projects. This would remove a burden of about \$6 million per year from local governments.

It has been 44 years since we have had an increase in gasoline taxes for overall State needs. During those 44 years, the population of Florida has increased from 1.5 million to more than eight million. The transportation needs of the State have changed and multiplied.

I do not welcome the added costs which an increase in the gasoline tax would mean for the people of Florida. But I am firmly convinced that the overall benefits of the tax increase would far outweigh the costs. The Department of Transportation estimates that more than 9,000 jobs would be created by the increase. And it is a fact that a substantial amount of the gasoline tax receipts in Florida are not paid by the people of Florida but by visitors from other states.

I urge you to support my recommendation for a tax of 7.5 percent on the wholesale price of gasoline in Florida—an increase that would amount to 2.8 cents per gallon at current prices. I believe this recommendation would be in the best interests of the people of this State.

Should it be your intent not to proceed on this issue this year, then I urge you at least to conduct a joint interim study of Florida's transportation needs. It is imperative that the members of the Legislature be aware of the critical nature of this problem as portrayed by the Governor's Transportation Advisory Committee.

While I was pleased with the study of this committee, I recognize that time constraints did not allow the committee to address itself fully to the transportation needs of counties and cities as deeply as it reviewed the needs of the State. Furthermore, I realize that reclassification of primary roads, the return of the fifth and sixth cents to the counties, and funding local transportation needs must be predicated on adequate funding and require your review and understanding.

I feel confident that any study the Legislature might conduct in this area would clearly show the full spectrum of our needs. I might add, the Legislature is fortunate in having Senator Ralph Poston and Representative Fred Jones in positions of leadership as chairmen of their respective transportation committees. These two men have the depth of understanding that is needed of this issue and I would hope that you would find time to discuss these matters with them.

I urge you once again to give statutory sanction to the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit on our highways. We may face loss of federal funds and have additional enforcement problems if we do not. It is imperative that we take this action now.

In another area, legislation enacted in 1974 sought to reimburse road builders for the excessive and unexpected increases in the cost of asphalt caused by the energy crisis. In practice, however, some contractors were provided with much more than reimbursements. They ended up with profits far in excess of what was ever intended. The proposed clarification of that law should provide continued protection against losses from escalated material costs while assuring that only a fair and equitable payment is made. I urge adoption of this legislation.

And I am also recommending legislation that would help small businessmen, including minority contractors, broaden their involvement in State construction contracts. This proposal would raise the maximum construction contract amount for which a pre-qualification bond is not required from the present \$50,000 to \$100,000. This would expand the range of projects on which small contractors could bid.

HOUSING

No one who is familiar with conditions in Florida today need be reminded of the crucial importance of the construction industry to our economy. The plight of the construction industry is the principal reason why we continue to lag behind the rest of the Nation in the difficult process of recovery. Last year 28.5 percent of the new claims for unemployment compensation in Florida were filed by jobless construction workers from Florida—a total of 165,521 people.

Nor need we be reminded of the increasingly severe housing problems we have in our State. The average new home constructed in Florida in 1975 cost \$38,000, an increase of 8.5 percent over 1974 and an increase of 38 percent over 1970. The vast majority of families in Florida cannot afford to buy homes at these high prices. We have no reason to believe that these costs will diminish. Therefore, we must be able to assure that loans for home construction are available at lower interest rates.

With such inflated costs and amid a lingering recession, our construction industry has been unable to meet our housing needs. At least five percent of the existing housing in Florida—about 160,000 units—can legitimately be described as substandard. With the population of the State expected to reach ten million by 1982, by that time we will need at least 600,000 additional housing units.

It is clearly the responsibility of State government to intervene at this time and serve as a catalyst in the recovery of

our construction industry and the delivery of decent housing to our people. While additional money is now becoming available, interest rates remain high. I remain persuaded that the responsibilities of the State where housing is concerned could, at least in part, be fulfilled by the creation of a state housing finance agency. While money is now available, we have no assurances that money will continue to be available at reasonable interest rates.

We must also have a State agency which can best capitalize on various federal programs. For instance, the major federal housing program depends heavily on state housing finance agencies to provide the financing mechanism, with federal guarantees, for new unit construction. This program which came into existence in 1974, following several years of the federal moratorium on housing programs, has yet to build a single new unit in Florida because we have not provided the State agency necessary to capitalize on the program.

This will require a constitutional amendment to allow the issuance of tax-exempt State bonds. We must be certain, however, that in providing for such an amendment, we will not in any way endanger the full faith and credit of the State.

We can achieve that certainty through full assurances of federal and private mortgage insurance and other safeguards. With recognition of the support this proposal already enjoys from builders and bankers and construction workers and consumers throughout the State, we can adopt responsible legislation.

I ask you today to support the legislation sponsored by Representative Charles Boyd and Senator Jack Gordon and endorsed by Speaker Don Tucker and many others who are concerned about our housing needs. It would provide jobs for our people and help us provide housing for our people at the same time.

This legislation is the work of some of Florida's best financial and housing experts. It would give the people of Florida a chance to vote in November on whether they want to create the housing agency many of us believe is needed to confront our housing problems as they must be confronted.

Let me assure you once again—this is a cautious proposal. It is a conservative proposal. And, most important, it is a proposal that would help us meet our obligations to those who believe as we do in the future of our State. If Florida is to be a home for our people, then our people must have decent homes in which to live.

The people of Florida, whether they live in conventional single-family homes, in apartments, in mobile homes, or in condominiums, must be assured that those of us in State government are willing to work positively and purposefully with private enterprise in meeting the housing needs of this State.

HEALTH CARE

Far too many Floridians cannot afford the health care they need. Many are poor. Many are older people living on fixed incomes. And many today are unemployed—jobless men and women who cannot even afford to feed and clothe their families as they might like, much less provide them with the decent health care they need.

We are all aware that we cannot solve all the pressing problems of rising health costs in Florida. But there are some positive steps we can take in this session to help make decent health care available for those we represent and have been

elected to serve. State government can serve as a catalyst in helping contain the cost of health care in Florida.

I am recommending a \$32 million increase in our support for the Medicaid program, including about \$12.3 million in general revenue. This money would help us assure adequate health care for 453,000 people throughout Florida. Included in my recommendations are provisions for continuing efforts to safeguard against abuse and fraud within the program. This would help us do a more effective job of delivering Medicaid money to those who really need it, to those who might not be able to afford any medical attention without Medicaid.

I am especially concerned with that part of the Medicaid program which provides care for nursing home patients. These are people, in many instances, who are unable to help themselves, who have no families able to care for them and who have nowhere else to turn for help but to the State. We cannot turn our backs on these Floridians at a time when they need our help—perhaps more than ever before.

The State must help improve the quality of care provided for patients in our nursing homes. I am asking for an increase in skilled nursing home care from \$600 to \$630 per month. I am also asking you to establish a second intermediate level of semi-skilled care for nursing home patients at \$560 per month. The current intermediate classification would remain at \$500 per month. The implementation of this new three-level system of care would save about \$1.7 million over the amount appropriated for this year.

According to current estimates, there are now 11,108 people in skilled nursing homes receiving Medicaid payments from the State of Florida. There are 3,579 people in intermediate care facilities who are also receiving Medicaid payments. Because of a significant increase in the caseload during 1975-76, an increase which is continuing this year, I am recommending a \$9.7 million increase for nursing home care. These people need our help. I hope they will be remembered in this session.

I hope we will also remember the events of recent weeks which have shown us once again the need for positive and forceful action at the State level to make our nursing homes in Florida what they can and should be. I want to commend Representative George Sheldon for his leadership on this vital issue—an issue which should be of importance to everyone in this State. I want to work with this Legislature in its efforts to improve the nursing homes in Florida, but I do not recommend the establishment of any state-owned or state-operated nursing homes.

Medicaid rates for hospital care in the United States are now increasing at an annual rate of nearly 14 percent. Doctor bills, x-ray bills and medication bills all are rising. Overall, the price of medical care for every one is increasing at more than twice the rate of all other consumer goods and services.

Our present system of financing hospital care in Florida lacks incentives for efficiency in administration. This is reflected in the quality of care people receive and in the hospital bills they pay. Once again, I urge you to support the efforts of Senator Jack Gordon, Representative Elaine Gordon, and other members of this Legislature to develop cost containment programs that can really assist in reducing health care costs in Florida. The Florida Hospital Association and Florida Blue Cross/Blue Shield are cooperating in this effort.

I would also like to call your attention to the approximately \$1.26 million increase I am recommending for children's medical services. This money would be used to support medical screening programs for poor children, to fund neo-natal centers to protect

premature infants from the retardation that can be caused by birth defects, and to finance rehabilitative programs for crippled children from throughout the State. I urge you to accept this recommendation.

OLDER PEOPLE

There is a prejudice in our society, a prejudice that costs us a loss of the wisdom of years and the knowledge of experience. I refer to the prejudice against age—to the prejudice against those men and women who have passed the age of 65 and are now numbered among our senior citizens.

All of us suffer because of that prejudice, even as the older people among us are suffering today in their struggle to survive these hard times. Many older people in this State will not survive that struggle without our help. And help cannot be offered in the form of lasting solutions until prejudice is abandoned and older people are enlisted in the cause that is theirs by birth and by right.

Senior citizens must not be treated as second-class citizens. We can no longer afford the foolish luxury of ignoring one of our most vital human resources—experience. And, if this is true throughout America, it is especially true in Florida. The experience of older people is one of Florida's most valuable assets. The efforts of older people may well be the key to the future of our State.

For, while the number and the percentage of people over the age of 65 is growing nationally and presently stands at about ten percent, the percentage of men and women over 65 in Florida is already more than 17 percent. No other state has such a large percentage of older people. And the percentage is likely to keep growing.

This could mean—if we continue our present policies and our present course—that more and more Floridians will be unemployed and under-employed, more and more will be hungry and homeless, more and more will live with poverty and loneliness, dependency and despair.

Or it could mean—if we alter our course and employ our potential resources as we should—that we will help lead the Nation, at long last, toward fairness and justice and decency for older people. We have made a beginning toward that goal in Florida in recent years. But I think we all realize how far we have left to go—if we want older people to have the full measure of life that they need and deserve.

Older people would benefit, as all Floridians would, from many of the recommendations I am making today. Municipal utility tax reform, health cost containment, a housing finance agency, increases in Medicaid, and nursing home improvements—all these proposals would help older people in Florida. There are other steps we could take as well that would help bring older people into the active mainstream of life in a State which needs the many advantages that could be gained from their wisdom and experience.

We should abolish arbitrary mandatory retirement in Florida based on any particular age. Such mandatory retirement is unfair and unhealthy, not only for older people but also for all of us. We should give older people who want to work the opportunity to use the talents they have and not allow those talents to simply waste away with neglect.

Last year the House endorsed the efforts of Representatives Jerry Melvin and Herb Morgan to solve this problem. I urge both houses of this Legislature to support this effort this year. I also ask you today to take whatever other action may be needed to protect the rights of the aged by end-

ing all unnecessary age discrimination in this State. And, as we seek to prevent child abuse in Florida, we should take whatever steps are necessary to prevent abuse of our senior citizens.

Older people must be allowed to help others and help themselves wherever possible. We must work for a minimum of institutionalization and a minimum of barriers against the involvement of older people in the whole spectrum of our society. With this in mind, I urge you to adopt the Community Care for the Elderly Act as proposed by Senator Bob Graham and the Senate Health and Rehabilitative Services Committee.

This act would establish multi-service centers which would help older people continue living at home with their families, avoiding wherever possible the nursing homes and the hospitals where so many are confined so often simply because of old age. This would help us contain the rising costs of Medicaid in Florida, as we invest our efforts in making older people a real part of the society in which they belong.

These centers would offer help to the aged through health maintenance, homemaking, counseling, telephone reassurance, home-delivered meals, information and referral, and family placement—all of those services which might seem so small when considered individually, but which mean so much to the older people who need them.

I also urge you to fund—in full—the \$1 million I have recommended for the Community Services Trust Fund in the Department of Community Affairs. If we are really serious about wanting to help poor people, old people, and disadvantaged people in Florida, we must support the important cooperative work of the Division of Community Services with local governments throughout Florida.

In Dade County our community services program has enabled older people to care for other older people in their homes and thus avoid institutionalization. In Escambia County the program has supported a mobile unit which makes food stamps, medical services, and adult education programs in reading and writing available to the poor and the aged in rural areas. In Palm Beach and Broward Counties the program has helped respond to some of the transportation needs of the disadvantaged. I see no way to justify a refusal to finance such programs.

I also see no way we can refuse to permit price advertising of eyeglasses in Florida or improve hearing aid advertising regulations or require warranties and thirty-day trial periods for hearing aids. We all know that these changes would be in the best interests, not only of all the people of this State, but also of a healthy and competitive free enterprise system as well.

And as we look to a renewal of prosperity through free enterprise in Florida, we must understand that our efforts in economic development should include an awareness that many older people want and need part-time jobs. If we believe in the necessity for work as a fundamental cornerstone of our society, then we must also believe that there is work to be done by those who want to work—whatever their age.

MANAGEMENT AND EFFICIENCY

There is never room for waste in government—and certainly not when government revenue and resources are limited, as they are today. As I have said many times in the past, the people of Florida have every reason and every right to expect a dollar's worth of good and decent government for every dollar of revenue we collect.

That is why I appointed a management and efficiency study commission two years ago to find ways to manage the people's money more wisely and more effectively. More than 61 percent of the recommendations of the prominent Florida businessmen on that commission have already been implemented, most of them by the executive branch of government. The annual net financial benefit to the State—and to the taxpayers—from these changes has been estimated at \$28 million.

Most of the remaining recommendations of the commission require legislative review and approval. We could provide additional financial benefits to the taxpayers in excess of \$46.8 million additional dollars by implementing those recommendations in this legislative session. If we are really serious about wanting to promote better management and efficiency in government, then we will implement those recommendations without further delay.

Let me explain how the implementation of just one of the recommendations made by those business leaders could improve our revenue picture in Florida and improve our efficiency as well. We could add 72 auditing positions, as included in my budget recommendations, to the State Department of Revenue at a cost of \$1 million which would return an estimated \$5 million in additional revenue to the State during the coming fiscal year. At the same time, we could increase interest charges on delinquent taxes from one-half of one percent to one percent per month, require interest to be paid for an extension to the normal deadline for filing sales tax returns, and collect an estimated \$5.1 million in additional interest charges during the coming fiscal year. Our present interest charges encourage, rather than discourage, late payment of taxes, and these corrections should be made without delay.

Why should we not spend money to make money when we have every possible assurance that the money will actually be made? Why should we not provide an incentive for businesses in Florida to file their tax returns on time? The people of Florida have a right not only to ask these questions, but also to expect some answers from their elected representatives in the Florida Legislature.

Too frequently, we have not been able to follow up on opportunities to correct management deficiencies that are brought to our attention by either the Auditor General, agency heads, or others.

I am recommending that specific authority and staff be given to the Bureau of Management Improvement to follow up on deficiencies brought to our attention in post audits and to work with departmental accounting and audit staff to assure that these deficiencies are corrected as soon as feasible.

Furthermore, I believe the Bureau should be able to initiate other studies where authorized by the Governor, or in the case of agencies under the Governor and Cabinet, at their request. This should substantially improve our effort to eliminate waste in Government and provide more rapid corrective action when deficiencies come to our attention.

LABOR

All of us would rather receive paychecks than unemployment checks. That is one reason why we must stress economic development in this session. But, while unemployment in our State hovers around 11 percent, we must pay special attention to unemployment compensation.

More than twice as many people are drawing on our unemployment compensation fund this year than last year. Nearly 400,000 men and women in our work force do not have jobs. Many more of our people have dropped out of the work force

because they could not find jobs—women, teenagers, older people—thousands who want and need to work.

Florida businesses and employers have enjoyed a low unemployment compensation tax rate, ranking an average of 47th in the Nation over the past six years. However, unemployment benefits paid from the state unemployment compensation trust fund amounted to \$39 million in 1973, \$108 million in 1974, and \$348 million in 1975. These benefit payments have been a drain on the fund, necessitating an adjustment as provided by law in the tax rate for 1976 of about five times that of the 1975 tax rate.

We can all take pride in the fact that—unlike some other states—our unemployment compensation trust fund has remained solvent throughout the recession. And, as we enter a period of expected recovery, and in light of our recent experiences, we should consider raising reserve requirements so that the increase in the unemployment compensation tax rate would not need to be as great in any future recession. If we paid more into the fund in prosperous times, we would not have to pay as much in hard times.

But it is also true that—unlike some other states—we have not responded as we should to the needs of the unemployed. Weekly benefits this past year have averaged about \$63. Our maximum level of weekly compensation by law in Florida is \$82—hardly enough to feed a family or buy clothes to send a child to school. Hardly enough to make the mortgage payment, pay the rent, or pay the utility bill.

Those who apply for unemployment compensation in Florida are not seeking charity. They have earned their benefits by working for them. The vast majority would gladly rejoin the work force tomorrow—if only they could find work.

And yet Florida still ranks about 43rd in the maximum amount of weekly benefits our jobless people receive. And our complex and confusing laws make people wait—for no real reason—for benefits they have already earned, and then throw other obstacles in their way, obstacles that often discriminate unfairly and unnecessarily.

I ask you, as I did a year ago, to improve our unemployment compensation law. I ask you to eliminate the waiting week for unemployment benefits, as 27 other states have already done.

I urge you, once again, to place unemployment benefits on a formula in Florida based on a percentage of the state-wide average weekly wage, whether this increases the overall benefits or not. In this way, benefits would change as prices and salaries changed. The actual benefit rate (50 percent of an individual's weekly wage) and the maximum period of benefits (26 weeks) would remain unchanged.

And, as we try to make life better for all Floridians we must not forget the plight of thousands of farm workers. While we have made progress on behalf of agricultural workers in this State in recent years, they still face many problems they cannot overcome without further commitment from those who can help. I hope this Legislature will explore ways to improve the lot of the men and women who work so hard and so long to help feed this State, this Nation and much of the rest of the world.

While presently farm workers are not denied the right to collectively represent themselves, exemptions in federal statutes afford them no mechanism for bargaining collectively. And, in the absence of a State mechanism such as the one recently created in California, we can only anticipate frustration in Florida's fields for the farm workers as they try to improve their lot.

We should examine carefully the California experience with agricultural labor and determine to what extent it may be applicable for Florida. An approach to this problem might be for the State to provide a specific mechanism to allow for collective bargaining. The proposals of Representative Steve Pajcic and Senator Jack Gordon address this situation.

I am not prepared to say that this approach is the answer. But I feel it is certainly worthy of consideration by this Legislature and by all segments of the agricultural industry.

Florida has made excellent progress in recent years in improving its system for adjudicating disputes of workmen's compensation and unemployment compensation claims. I also urge you to move the Judges of Industrial Claims out of the Division of Labor in the Commerce Department and establish that function as a separate entity under administrative supervision of the Industrial Relations Commission. The Division of Labor is a party to every claim filed, and removing the Judges of Industrial Claims from its administrative jurisdiction could assure full independence, fairness and impartiality in the adjudicating process.

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

I know that, after the events of the past year, some might prefer to defer a renewal of the debate over the Equal Rights Amendment until another day. Some might prefer to wait, to watch what happens in other states before deciding what we will do in Florida.

But a right deferred is a right denied. The women of Florida and of the United States have already waited far too long for the equal rights that are their birthright as Americans. And I would hope that the Florida Legislature—especially in this Bicentennial year—would want to be much more than a watcher, much more than a mere bystander in the struggle to assure equal rights for more than half the people of this Nation.

This Legislature has been an example to the Nation before. I ask you today to be an example again by approving the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.

MUNICIPAL UTILITY TAX

For as long as I have been Governor, it has been my hope that we could reduce the burden of the municipal utility tax on the people of Florida. Last year I recommended a reform of that tax which would encourage energy conservation, reduce the tax burden for small businesses, and help the renters and homeowners who are faced today with ever-increasing monthly utility bills.

I want to renew and reiterate that recommendation today. And I want to ask each member of the Legislature to examine my proposal carefully and with an eye to the genuine need among the people for some relief from the burden of this onerous tax.

I suggest a fundamental revision of the tax from a value base to a unit base of purchase, accompanied by an exemption for households on at least the first 200 kilowatts of electricity purchased each month.

The base for the municipal utility tax is now a percent of the dollar amount purchased of electricity, metered or bottled gas, water and fuel oil. For these energy sources we should base the tax instead on a specific amount for each physical unit purchased. In this way, the tax base for electricity would be the number of kilowatt hours purchased.

At present, discounts are offered for increased usage of electricity. The more you use, the less you pay for the increased usage. The tax rate should be adjusted to assure no net loss of revenue to the municipalities, encourage conservation and remove much of the regressiveness from the municipal utility tax. The rate should be adjusted for heavy industrial users to place them on an equal and equitable basis with other users.

Households and businesses alike would have an additional incentive for consuming below their current average amounts. And consumers of small amounts of energy—such as the poor, the senior citizens, and small renters, homeowners, and businesses—would no longer be paying a larger percentage of tax than consumers of large amounts.

Utilities providing heat and water and light are as essential to people as food and shelter. A certain minimum amount of energy is required to provide these basic essentials. The exemption of the first 200 kilowatts for household use that I am recommending would help assure a bare minimum of what is needed for those who need it most.

Adoption of a unit base with a basic exemption for household use would also help reduce the impact of inflation on the cost of utilities. An exemption based on the dollar value of the utilities purchased would be worth relatively less to the taxpayer as the price of utility service increased under inflationary pressures. But, with a unit tax base, the value of the exemption would remain constant in value for a given level of consumption, regardless of inflation.

A unit base for the utility tax would also preserve a flexible revenue base for municipalities. Some cities have had reservations about utility tax reform because they feared the loss of an important discretionary tax source. These fears are understandable.

I would not advocate changes in the municipal utility tax structure without assurances of replacement revenue, or without assurances that replacement revenue would not be needed. There would not necessarily be any need for such State revenue in the conversion from a value base to a unit base of purchase.

The reform I propose would be a modest, but positive, step toward easing the burden of these mounting utility costs for the people.

REORGANIZATION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph (e) of the Florida Constitution states that, at least once in every regular session of the Legislature, the Governor shall "propose such reorganization of the executive department as will promote efficiency and economy." A number of reorganization issues have been suggested by various members in both houses.

Last year we reorganized both the environmental and social service agencies of State government. It is time to allow these and other reorganization plans adopted since 1969 time for full and thoughtful implementation. After all, in 1978 the fundamental structure of our State government will undergo a complete and exhaustive review.

I urge you to carefully consider any proposed reorganization plan and ask: Is it in response to a problem? Does it provide a full and complete response to the problem? Will it provide a better and more responsive way for our State government to provide the necessary services for the people?

The people of Florida expect some positive action in this session on the issue of utilities and utility costs. Once again,

I ask you to expand the Florida Public Service Commission from three to five members—and to enact legislation to ensure that those five members would be appointed under proper safeguards and not elected.

Expansion would help alleviate the heavy caseload of the present commissioners by allowing three-member hearings and other ways of expediting cases. It would bring a new expertise and a broader range of thought and experience to the commission—thought and experience that could prove helpful to the people. An appointive commission would improve our ability to attract people knowledgeable in the complexities of utility regulation to public service.

And let me stress as well that—as Senator “Buddy” MacKay has reminded you recently—it is vitally important to the people of Florida that we assure adequate funding for the staff of the Public Service Commission and the staff of the Public Counsel this year.

I have followed the recent legislative discussions about the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation with considerable interest. I agree that the various boards this department oversees have not always served the interests of the people as they should. But abolishing the department is not the answer.

Instead, we should strengthen the department so that it will be able to administer its responsibilities to the people more effectively. We would not want the department to assume the role of setting professional and occupational standards. But the department should be capable of providing increased administrative support for the boards—which is why I am recommending an increase in the departmental budget of about \$249,000. Additional administrative responsibilities should be centralized within the department.

I urge you to accept that recommendation. And I urge you as well to take one more step toward effective regulation on behalf of the people—by placing consumer representatives on every board within the domain of the department. Though we have been fortunate to have many good members serve on these boards, there have been disappointing exceptions, and we must be assured that the interests of the people are clearly represented. The people have every right to at least one lay voice that will speak for the consumers on each board.

I also urge this Legislature to support the enlightened efforts of Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner Phil Ashler to remove the regulation of the insurance industry from his Cabinet office and place it under an appointive office. As we look for ways to contain the rising costs of automobile and other types of insurance this year, we should recognize that this reform would do much to insulate the oversight of the industry from abuses that have sometimes taken place in the past.

And it would allow the Treasurer to focus his attention on the business of the Cabinet and the business of protecting and investing the people's money. This is one of the few times when we are in the fortuitous circumstance of having an incumbent Treasurer who is not running for election and where there is no hand-picked successor for the office. We should act now.

Also, I recommend that we take the Division of Bond Finance from the Department of General Services and place it under the State Board of Administration, thereby creating a new Department of Public Finance and Investments. This new department, headed by the State Board of Administration, could also contribute to economic development—not to mention the fiscal health of the State—by focusing much-needed at-

tention on the problems of finance we will increasingly face as Floridians.

And, with this in mind, I urge you to take all necessary steps to help us improve the bond rating and the bond prospects for Florida—by developing informational resources at the State level, by requiring full disclosure of all bond obligations by providing for an ability at the State level to deal with local financial emergencies whenever they might occur.

The people of Florida should be able to purchase the type and amount of insurance they need and want and purchase it from a company of their choice at a price that is fair and reasonable. The people should be confident that in all respects their interests are protected by properly regulated, financially sound, insurance companies.

Auto insurance rates in Florida have increased beyond the reach of many of those who need insurance most. And, despite the doubling and tripling of medical malpractice premiums, malpractice insurance still is not available on a commercial voluntary basis.

In the area of auto insurance, I commend for your consideration the work of the Florida Insurance Task Force created by the Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner last year. In particular, I urge you to modify and strengthen our existing no-fault concept and use that concept as the basis for the improvements we need in Florida. I believe any return to the old system in which recovery was based on a determination of fault would result in even higher insurance rates.

In the area of medical liability insurance, you have already received the recommendations of the commission you created last session. I support their recommendation to extend the life of the Medical Liability Insurance Study Commission so that the group can continue its in-depth review of the basic problems of medical liability insurance in our State.

Because of the absence of a viable commercial market for this type of insurance and the high degree of selectivity exercised by newly-created self-insurance trust funds, I join the Insurance Commissioner in recommending that the Florida Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association be extended indefinitely. This action is necessary to assure availability of insurance coverage for those physicians who cannot obtain such insurance in the commercial market or in one of the professional trusts.

We need to review our whole system of liability for injuries as it applies to medical malpractice insurance. One thing is obvious—this very serious and complex issue will not be resolved by any patchwork approach.

Florida's recent mortgage fraud problems have clearly shown the need to strengthen our land sales and securities laws to better protect the consumer. For example, under the traditional form of installment sales purchasing, the buyer does not have the protection he or she should have against subsequent encumbrances on the land such as mortgages.

We need stronger laws and we need better enforcement. And those laws should clearly spell out which agency of government has enforcement responsibilities even where we may have some overlapping. It is unfortunate the damage a few unscrupulous land sales companies have caused some consumers and the image of an industry comprised, overwhelmingly, of honest businessmen.

I strongly support the efforts of the Board of Business Regulation, the Attorney General, the Comptroller and the appropriate legislative committees that are seeking greater consumer protection in an area where it is needed.

And, in a related area, my staff is working with the Comptroller on a proposal to tighten the law regulating the mortgage banking industry. Those who borrow through mortgage bankers—including many small builders—are entitled to the same measure of protection from loss as those who borrow from a commercial lending institution. Our laws should provide that protection.

Following the Governor's address, the committee previously appointed escorted the Governor from the rostrum and from the House chamber, followed by the Lieutenant Governor and members of the Cabinet, and Justices of the Supreme Court.

On motion by Senator Brantley, the Senate withdrew from the joint session and resumed its session at 11:45 a.m. A quorum present.

The President presiding

INTRODUCTION

By Senators Wilson, Winn and Dunn—

SCR 1—A concurrent resolution ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to equal rights for men and women.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Zinkil—

SB 2—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Mechanics' Lien Law; amending ss. 713.05, 713.06(1), (3)(h), Florida Statutes, to provide lien rights for subsubcontractors; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Zinkil—

SB 3—A bill to be entitled An act relating to drug abuse; amending s. 893.13(1) (a)-(c), Florida Statutes; providing mandatory term of imprisonment before parole for the sale, manufacture, or delivery of or the possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver certain controlled substances by persons other than drug abusers; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senators Zinkil, Wilson and Holloway—

SB 4—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Public Service Commission; amending s. 350.01, Florida Statutes; increasing the number of commissioners; providing for nonpartisan election; providing for terms of office; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations, Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Zinkil—

SB 5—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mobile home parks; amending s. 83.70(7), Florida Statutes; to prohibit a mobile home park owner from charging a price in excess of his cost for certain utility services purchased from a municipally-owned utility; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Glisson—

SB 6—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the payment of legal fees, costs and expenses of prisoners of state correctional institutions; amending s. 57.091, Florida Statutes; providing reimbursement by the state to counties for certain fees, costs and expenses adjudged against and paid by counties in

competency proceedings, criminal prosecutions and habeas corpus proceedings involving state prisoners imprisoned in a state correctional institution; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senators Deeb, Dunn and McClain—

SB 7—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal law; adding s. 775.021(4), Florida Statutes; providing that a person who violates two or more criminal statutes during one criminal episode shall be sentenced separately for each offense; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senators Glisson and Myers—

SB 8—A bill to be entitled An act relating to employment; prohibiting discrimination based on age; specifying prohibited acts and practices; providing exceptions; authorizing civil actions based on age discrimination; authorizing Department of Community Affairs to conciliate between parties in a discrimination charge; repealing s. 112.051, Florida Statutes, relating to authority to retire persons in state agencies; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Zinkil—

SB 9—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state buildings; creating s. 255.27, Florida Statutes; providing legislative intent; prohibiting state agencies and their agents and independent contractors from constructing or modifying state buildings, facilities, or projects unless the construction or modification complies with local ordinances that establish standards and requirements for environmental protection greater than those otherwise required by law; providing for the inclusion of provisions in contracts executed by state agencies to guarantee compliance with such local ordinances; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Zinkil—

SB 10—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mortgage lenders; providing for prompt payment of ad valorem taxes by those who collect escrow funds for such payment so as not to deprive the depositor of a lawfully-available tax discount for prompt payment; providing that the mortgagee shall issue annually to the mortgagor a statement of the escrow account; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Zinkil—

SB 11—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; amending s. 83.695(2), Florida Statutes; providing for the offer of a 12-month written lease to a tenant of a mobile home park; adding s. 83.70(8), Florida Statutes; providing that an invitee of a mobile home park tenant not be charged a fee; amending s. 83.71, Florida Statutes; providing that no tenancy may be terminated unless the purchaser has been offered a written agreement; amending s. 83.72, Florida Statutes; providing civil remedy procedures; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Zinkil—

SB 12—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle registration; amending s. 320.05, Florida Statutes; restricting the disclosure of information received in conjunction with an application for registration of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer; providing procedures for disclosure of such information;

providing for promulgation of rules; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator W. D. Childers—

SB 13—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the budget of supervisors of elections; providing procedures for certification of the budget of each supervisor of elections; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Glisson—

SB 14—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; providing for school districts and community college districts to establish and conduct educational programs for elderly citizens; providing a funding formula to support such programs; providing for annual reports; providing responsibilities of the Commissioner of Education and Department of Education; authorizing adoption of rules; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education and Ways and Means.

By Senator Glisson—

SB 15—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mobile home parks; amending s. 88.69(1)(c), Florida Statutes; providing for eviction of a mobile home or mobile home dweller for continued violation or breach of mobile home park rules and regulations; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Glisson—

SB 16—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tax assessments; amending s. 193.011, Florida Statutes; providing that present use of property as a homestead shall qualify the property for residential classification for assessment purposes; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations, Ways and Means Subcommittee A and Ways and Means.

By Senator Winn—

SB 17—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; amending s. 100.011(1), Florida Statutes; providing for an increase in the number of hours polls will be open; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Winn—

SB 18—A bill to be entitled An act relating to weapons and firearms; creating s. 790.125, Florida Statutes; requiring a 72-hour delay before delivery of a handgun; requiring record of sale of handgun to be made and maintained; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Poston—

SB 19—A bill to be entitled An act relating to emergency medical services; adding s. 401.27(3) (e)-(h), Florida Statutes; providing additional qualifications for applicants for an emergency medical technician's certificate; adding s. 401.35(5), Florida Statutes; requiring the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services to promulgate rules providing minimum standards for life support systems; providing that such rules only

apply in counties, municipalities or districts which elect to comply with such standards; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Health and Rehabilitative Services.

By Senators Poston, Lewis and Johnston—

SB 20—A bill to be entitled An act relating to eminent domain; amending s. 73.091, Florida Statutes, providing for the determination of attorney's fees in eminent domain proceedings; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil, Transportation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Poston—

SB 21—A bill to be entitled An act relating to eminent domain; amending s. 73.071, Florida Statutes; providing a method for determining compensation to be paid for property taken; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil, Transportation and Ways and Means.

By Senators Poston and Zinkil—

SB 22—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Transportation Code; adding s. 335.04(5), Florida Statutes; requiring publication of a decision by the Department of Transportation to reclassify a length of road; providing that publication shall be effective to transfer certain expenses; prohibiting the department from considering the physical condition of the road in such a reclassification; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Poston—

SB 23—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law; amending ss. 316.181(2), 316.182(1), (2), and 316.183(2), Florida Statutes; establishing a uniform maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By Senators W. D. Childers, Sims, McClain, J. Lane, Deeb, Zinkil, Renick, Lewis, D. Childers and Johnston—

SB 24—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dispensing opticians; amending s. 484.06, Florida Statutes, relating to unlawful advertising, to permit the offering of discounts and the advertising of price or credit terms; creating s. 484.12, Florida Statutes, prohibiting the State Board of Dispensing Opticians from adopting a rule or policy which prohibits dispensing opticians from offering discounts or from advertising any price or credit terms; requiring all advertisements to be approved by the board; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Holloway—

SB 25—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ad valorem tax exemption; amending s. 196.011(4), Florida Statutes; requiring that the property appraiser accept a certified statement from the owner of certain tax exempt property that no change in ownership and use has occurred in lieu of an application for exemption; changing nomenclature to conform to the State Constitution; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations, Ways and Means Subcommittee A and Ways and Means.

By Senator Holloway—

SB 26—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electronic repair; amending s. 468.151(8), Florida Statutes; providing that

persons who service certain types of electronic equipment used or sold for use in the home, in condominiums, cooperatives, or apartments, in automobiles, or on privately-owned boats, are subject to the provisions of the Florida Electronic Repair Act of 1970; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Holloway—

SB 27—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board; amending s. 468.182 (2)(b), (3)(b), Florida Statutes; providing that members may succeed themselves; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Governmental Operations.

By Senator Johnston—

SB 28—A bill to be entitled An act relating to attorney's fees; amending s. 59.46, Florida Statutes; providing that in the absence of expressed contrary intent, provisions of statute or contract for the payment of attorney's fees be construed to include the payment of such fees on appeal; conforming provisions of said section to the rules adopted by the Supreme Court for practice and procedure; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Commerce.

By Senator Scarborough—

SB 29—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trespass; repealing s. 821.07, Florida Statutes, 1973, which exempts from the posting of notice requirement enclosed lands containing a dwelling; repealing s. 821.16, Florida Statutes, 1973, which provides a penalty for boxing timber on land of another; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Commerce.

By Senator Scarborough—

SB 30—A bill to be entitled An act relating to marriage; amending s. 741.04, Florida Statutes; providing for the issuance of marriage licenses; repealing s. 741.06, Florida Statutes, relating to issuance of marriage licenses to persons under 21 years of age; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senators Spicola, Deeb, Hair, Dunn and Scarborough—

SB 31—A bill to be entitled An act relating to grand juries; creating ss. 905.015, 905.135, 905.191, 905.192, 905.235, Florida Statutes; amending ss. 40.40(1), 905.16, 905.18, 905.185, 905.195, 905.27, 905.28, Florida Statutes; providing for a grand jury of 23 persons in each county; providing for a term of the grand jury; providing for the appointment of a court reporter and an interpreter; providing the duties of the grand jury; providing for the issuance of process; providing a penalty for disclosure of names or addresses of persons named in process; providing for the disqualification of state attorney and assignment of another state attorney; providing for sealed witness list; providing a quorum of 15 and a vote of 12 for performance of grand jury duties; prohibiting disclosure of matters and testimony before the grand jury and providing increased penalties; providing exceptions; providing requirements for the publication of a grand jury report; repealing ss. 905.01, 905.09, 905.13, 905.15, 905.165, 905.23, 905.25, 905.26, Florida Statutes; relating to powers, duties and procedures of the grand jury; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 32—A bill to be entitled An act relating to municipalities; providing for fluoridation of a public water supply system only upon petition and approval by referendum; providing

procedures; providing for a referendum where existing systems contain fluoride; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Health and Rehabilitative Services.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 33—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law; amending s. 316.131(2), Florida Statutes; providing that the minimum specifications for traffic control signals and devices, published by the Department of Transportation, include level of illumination; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 34—A bill to be entitled An act relating to homestead tax exemption; amending ss. 196.012(10) and 196.101(2), Florida Statutes; amending the definition of "totally and permanently disabled persons"; providing for certification of permanently and totally disabled by the Social Security Administration; requiring a licensed physician in a local health unit to determine whether a person is totally and permanently disabled or a quadriplegic when requested to do so by such person; changing nomenclature to conform to the State Constitution; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations, Ways and Means Subcommittee A and Ways and Means.

By Senator Stolzenburg—

SB 35—A bill to be entitled An act relating to municipalities; amending s. 166.041(3)(b), (6), Florida Statutes, and adding a new subsection to said section; requiring notice and a public hearing prior to municipal adoption or amendment of an ordinance affecting zoning or any ordinance restricting the use of private real property; providing procedures for giving such notice; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Glisson—

SB 36—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Uniform Land Sales Practices Law; adding s. 478.121(1)(t), Florida Statutes; providing for proof that common facilities used as an inducement to purchase are free from any encumbrance and will remain accessible to purchasers; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Stolzenburg—

SB 37—A bill to be entitled An act relating to county government; amending s. 125.66(2)-(4), Florida Statutes, and adding subsection (5), to said section; providing enactment procedure for ordinances affecting zoning or restricting the use of private real property; providing for notice and hearing; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator McClain—

SB 38—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public buildings; amending s. 255.053, Florida Statutes; providing for amounts and percentage of retainages on payments of construction contracts for public buildings; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senators Firestone and Brantley—

SB 39—A bill to be entitled An act relating to foreign trade zones; providing definitions; providing for the establishment,

operation, and maintenance of such zones; providing for rules and regulations; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Saylor—

SJR 40—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5, Article IV and proposing the creation of Section 18, Article XII of the State Constitution, relating to the length of the term of office for cabinet members.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committees on Rules and Calendar and Governmental Operations.

By Senator Saylor—

SJR 41—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2, Article I, of the State Constitution, relating to basic rights; prohibiting discrimination based on sex.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senators McClain, Glisson, Deeb, Firestone and D. Lane—

SB 42—A bill to be entitled An act relating to innocent victims of violent crimes; providing a short title and definitions; setting forth conditions and restrictions on recovery; providing a \$15,000 maximum limit on compensation to a victim; providing for the time and procedure for filing claims; providing for the processing of claims; providing appeal procedures; providing for the modification of orders by a judge of industrial claims; providing powers of judges of industrial claims and the Industrial Relations Commission; providing procedure before the commission; providing for depositions, witness fees, attorney's fees, and costs; providing penalties; providing for compensation to the innocent victims of violent crimes or their dependents and for emergency awards; providing that any assignment of compensation is invalid; exempting compensation from the claim of creditors; providing for subrogation; authorizing restitution to be made a condition of probation or parole for the offender; providing for an annual report; establishing the Crimes Compensation Trust Fund; authorizing application for federal fund; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal, Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senators Lewis, Dunn, Hair, Brantley, Renick and Stolzenburg—

SB 43—A bill to be entitled An act relating to abortion; creating s. 797.03, Florida Statutes; requiring an abortion referral or counseling agency to furnish certain information to a person seeking its advice and to obtain an informed consent; prohibiting such an agency from charging or accepting any compensation from a physician, hospital, clinic, or other medical facility for a referral; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Myers—

SB 44—A bill to be entitled An act relating to purchasing; amending ss. 283.05, 283.08, 283.09, 283.10(1), and 287.102, Florida Statutes; eliminating the requirement that public printing contracts be let to in-state manufacturers; requiring competitive bids on purchases of class B printing in excess of \$500; repealing s. 283.03, Florida Statutes, which requires that public printing be done in this state; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Myers—

SB 45—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Division of Purchasing; amending s. 287.032, Florida Statutes; providing for an annual performance audit and report; requiring report to be submitted to the Legislative Auditing Committee within 60 days after response to audit by affected agency; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Myers—

SB 46—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Environmental Land and Water Management Act of 1972; adding s. 380.06(4)(c), Florida Statutes; providing a filing fee for each type of binding letter of interpretation; providing for deposit in the General Revenue Fund; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Myers—

SB 47—A bill to be entitled An act relating to corporations; amending s. 607.361(2), Florida Statutes; increasing the annual report filing fee for corporations; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senators Myers and Holloway—

SB 48—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle accidents; amending ss. 316.064(3), 316.066(1), (3), 318.19(1), 322.20(2), 322.27(1)(b), 324.051(1), Florida Statutes; providing for when and by whom accident reports must be made; requiring mandatory appearances with respect to infractions which resulted in certain kinds of accidents; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to suspend or revoke drivers' licenses upon conviction of traffic violations which resulted in certain kinds of accidents; providing for the keeping of accident reports by the department; requiring the department to report certain accidents to the Department of Insurance; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Myers—

SJR 49—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Sections 10 and 11, Article V of the State Constitution, to provide for the selection and retention and terms of justices of the supreme court and judges of district courts of appeal and for the filling of vacancies in such offices.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Vogt—

SB 50—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal law; prescribing the crime of criminal solicitation; providing penalties; providing a defense to such crime; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senators Saylor, Plante, Dunn, Hair, Johnston and Sims—

SB 51—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.091(5)(g), Florida Statutes, and adding a new paragraph to said subsection; providing for forfeiture of benefits for certain officials removed from office by the Senate; providing for forfeiture of benefits for any member of said retirement system guilty of federal income tax evasion; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senators Lewis, Dunn, Hair, Brantley, Renick and Stolzenburg—

SB 52—A bill to be entitled An act relating to termination of pregnancy; amending s. 458.22(4)-(7), Florida Statutes, and adding three new subsections to said section; providing the standard of medical procedure to be used when the fetus has any reasonable probability of survival outside its mother's womb; prohibiting experimentation on a live fetus prior to or

following a termination of pregnancy and providing an exception; providing a procedure for medical certification on abortions performed during the last trimester of pregnancy; providing for certain records; providing a penalty; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services and Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senators Lewis, Dunn, Hair, Brantley, Renick and Stolzenburg—

SB 53—A bill to be entitled An act relating to abortion clinics; providing definitions; providing for licensing and regulation by the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services; providing for denial, suspension and revocation of licenses; providing administrative penalties; prohibiting certain acts and providing penalties; providing injunctive relief; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services and Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senators Sayler and Zinkil—

SB 54—A bill to be entitled An act relating to compensation of county officials; repealing s. 145.18(1), Florida Statutes, which provides annual cost-of-living adjustments to county officials' salaries; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senators Myers and Lewis—

SB 55—A bill to be entitled An act relating to licensing boards; defining the term "health-related licensing board"; providing prerequisites for licensure by endorsement; authorizing boards to require oral examinations; requiring boards to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations and establish procedures; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Sayler—

SB 56—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nonpartisan elections; amending s. 105.021, Florida Statutes; providing for nonpartisan elections of judicial officers at the time of the second primary election and the general election; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 57—A bill to be entitled An act relating to supplemental security income; providing for the enactment of interim assistance payments as provided by federal law; authorizing the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services to develop policies and procedures; providing for repayment of assistance; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services and Ways and Means.

By Senator Myers—

SB 58—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on sales, use and other transactions; amending s. 212.12(2), Florida Statutes; providing for a minimum penalty of \$5 when any registered dealer fails to timely pay any tax due or to timely file a required return even though no tax may be due; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Gallen—

SB 59—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property used by government; requiring that the use of property by a state

agency or a local governmental unit be subject to local zoning regulations; providing exemptions; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senators McClain, Hair and Renick—

SB 60—A bill to be entitled An act relating to termination of pregnancy; requiring certification from two physicians for any termination of pregnancy of any human being after the 24th week of pregnancy; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services and Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator McClain—

SB 61—A bill to be entitled An act providing for the relief of Marchant Fowler, Jr.; making an appropriation to compensate him for injuries; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Special Master and the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Holloway—

SB 62—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electrical contractors; adding s. 468.181(8), (9), Florida Statutes; providing definitions for "registration" and "registrant"; amending s. 468.186, Florida Statutes; providing for renewal of registration; providing that registrants may not go on inactive status; amending s. 468.187(2), (3), Florida Statutes, and adding a new subsection to said section; providing an initial registration without examination fee; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Hair—

SJR 63—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5, Article IV and proposing the creation of Section 18, Article XII of the State Constitution, to limit the number of consecutive terms that the lieutenant governor and each officer may serve.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Hair, Stolzenburg, D. Lane and Zinkil—

SB 64—A bill to be entitled An act relating to eminent domain; creating s. 73.092, Florida Statutes; providing certain criteria to be considered by the court in assessing attorneys' fees; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Hair—

SB 65—A bill to be entitled An act relating to garnishment; amending s. 77.031(1), Florida Statutes; requiring notice and a hearing be given a defendant before his wages may be garnished; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Hair—

SB 66—A bill to be entitled An act relating to thefts from merchants; providing definitions; making adults who steal merchandise civilly liable; making parents or guardians of certain minors who steal merchandise civilly liable; providing that merchants may request merchandise be kept in full view; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Sayler—

SB 67—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation of motor fuels; adding s. 206.45(5), Florida Statutes; creating s. 206.608, Florida Statutes; requiring the payment of an additional one cent tax on each gallon of motor fuel sold or brought into the state by a distributor; providing for the distribution and use of the proceeds of such tax; providing for payment to the General Revenue Fund of certain federal funds received by the state; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Ways and Means Subcommittee A and Ways and Means.

By Senator Glisson—

SB 68—A bill to be entitled An act relating to service officers for veterans; amending s. 292.08(1), Florida Statutes; requiring the designation or employment of a county service officer in each county; amending s. 292.11(1), Florida Statutes; requiring the designation or employment of a county service officer and clarifying that all county service officers be honorably discharged wartime veterans; changing certain other qualifications; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Lewis—

SB 69—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public officers; creating s. 111.09, Florida Statutes; requiring the state, under certain circumstances, to provide for the defense and to pay the costs and expenses in defending the right of an appointee to hold office or to perform the duties of the office; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Sims—

SB 70—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law; amending s. 316.183(3), Florida Statutes; deleting the maximum speed limit for school buses in business or residential districts; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 71—A bill to be entitled An act relating to drivers' licenses; creating s. 322.115, Florida Statutes; providing that operator's or chauffeur's licenses shall not be issued to any person under 18 who has not successfully completed a driver education course; providing that such course consist of at least 36 hours of instruction and training; exempting anyone already possessing a Florida restricted operator's or chauffeur's license; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation, Education and Ways and Means.

By Senator Sayler—

SB 72—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; amending s. 624.509(1), Florida Statutes; exempting an insurer's receipts on account of the State Officers and Employees Group Insurance Program from the 2 percent premium tax; adding s. 624.429(8), Florida Statutes; providing that no foreign insurer be subject to retaliation as it relates to premium tax with respect to receipts on account of the State Officers and Employees Group Insurance Program; providing for a refund of such taxes paid which were due and payable during a specified period; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Governmental Operations, Ways and Means Subcommittee A and Ways and Means.

By Senator Firestone—

SB 73—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the state career service system; amending s. 110.022(3), Florida Stat-

utes; deleting the requirement of fingerprinting all career service employees; providing that only employees in positions of special trust be fingerprinted; providing for the Department of Criminal Law Enforcement to process fingerprints for state agencies; providing for reimbursement of costs by the employing agency; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Firestone—

SB 74—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal justice; amending s. 903.03, Florida Statutes; providing for release on recognizance; creating ss. 903.025, 903.031-903.035, Florida Statutes; defining "release on recognizance"; providing conditions of such release; providing for appellate review of conditions of release; providing penalties; providing standards for money bail; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Zinkil—

SB 75—A bill to be entitled An act relating to municipal police officers; amending s. 901.25, Florida Statutes; providing arrest powers in an adjacent county in the case of fresh pursuit; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Firestone—

SB 76—A bill to be entitled An act relating to condominiums and cooperative apartments; creating s. 711.631, Florida Statutes, regulating leases of recreational facilities or other commonly used areas in condominium and cooperative apartment developments between developers and condominium or cooperative apartment associations which are a mandatory condition of ownership of units in the condominium or cooperative apartment; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Firestone—

SB 77—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Business Regulation; adding s. 20.16(12), Florida Statutes; authorizing the establishment of uniform application forms and certificates of license within the department; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Holloway—

SB 78—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the City of Coral Gables; providing an appropriation from the General Revenue Fund for the acquisition, preservation, and restoration of the Biltmore Complex; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Holloway—

SB 79—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tile, marble, or terrazzo contracting business; providing purpose and definitions; creating the Florida Tile, Marble, or Terrazzo Contractors' Licensing Board; providing for membership and providing powers and duties of the board; providing certification procedures and fees; providing for suspension or revocation of certificate; providing penalties; providing exemptions; providing that the board be assigned to the Division of Occupations of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; amending s. 215.37(1), Florida Statutes; adding the Florida Tile, Marble, or Terrazzo Contractors' Licensing Board; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Holloway—

SB 80—A bill to be entitled An act relating to social workers; creating the Florida Social Worker Licensing Board within the Division of Professions of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; providing for membership, terms, powers and duties of the board; providing for the licensing of social workers by the board; prescribing requirements and fees for licenses; providing exemptions; authorizing the board to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew licenses; authorizing the use of titles and abbreviations for each class of license; prohibiting the private independent practice of social work except for persons licensed in certain classes; providing for privileged communications; making specified conduct unlawful; providing penalties; amending s. 215.37, Florida Statutes, to provide for financing of the board; amending s. 455.01(27)-(30), Florida Statutes, and adding a new subsection to said section, to make certain miscellaneous administrative provisions applicable to the board; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator McClain—

SJR 81—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Sections 10 and 11, Article V of the State Constitution; providing for the selection and retention and terms of justices of the supreme court and judges of district courts of appeal and for the filling of vacancies in such offices; providing for proceedings of judicial nominating commissions to be public.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senators D. Lane and Henderson—

SM 82—A memorial to the Congress of the United States requesting a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution to prohibit deficit spending except in time of war or invasion and to require surplus to be applied to the reduction of the federal debt.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 83—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sentencing; amending s. 922.051, Florida Statutes; providing for imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed 5 years; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 84—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on sales, use and other transactions; amending s. 212.08(2), Florida Statutes; defining prosthetic and orthopedic appliances which are exempt from such tax; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Ways and Means Subcommittee A and Ways and Means.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 85—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pilots and stevedores; amending s. 310.011, Florida Statutes; providing for 10 members on the State Board of Pilot Commissioners of which 8 members are licensed state pilots; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Governmental Operations.

By Senator D. Childers—

SB 86—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Public Service Commission; amending s. 350.01, Florida Statutes; increasing the number of commissioners; providing for appointment of commissioners; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Firestone—

SB 87—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state agency records; requiring each state agency which registers or licenses corporations, partnerships, or other business entities to include, within its numbering system, the federal employer's identification number; authorizing any state agency to maintain a dual numbering system subject to specified conditions; requiring the Department of State to keep a registry of federal employer's identification numbers; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Firestone—

SB 88—A bill to be entitled An act relating to bingo; creating part II of chapter 496, Florida Statutes; requiring the licensing by the Department of State of certain nonprofit organizations desiring to conduct bingo and of commercial lessors desiring to lease premises to such licensed organizations for the conduct of bingo; providing definitions; providing powers and duties of the department; prescribing procedures and fees for such licensing; providing license requirements; providing for suspension or revocation of licenses; providing limitations on the conduct of bingo; providing for reports and records; regulating rentals and leases; providing for enforcement; providing a penalty; amending s. 849.093, Florida Statutes; exempting from the provisions of chapter 849, Florida Statutes, relating to gambling, the conduct of bingo by certain nonprofit organizations, subject to their compliance with the provisions of part II of chapter 496, Florida Statutes; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senator Firestone—

SJR 89—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 7, Article IV of the State Constitution, relating to suspension from office of public officers, to provide that any officer who is subject to impeachment shall stand suspended upon being indicted for a felony; providing for the period of suspension and the designation of an acting officer.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Hair—

SJR 90—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 9, Article XII of the State Constitution, relating to bonds for the acquisition and construction of roads, to continue the state tax, designated the "second gas tax" and to permit such bonds to be secured by other legally available revenues.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committees on Rules and Calendar and Ways and Means.

By Senator Glisson—

SB 91—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal law; providing that a person holding an elected office, if found guilty of certain criminal offenses, be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 3 calendar years; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senator Zinkil—

SB 92—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the "Florida Uniform Disposition of Traffic Infractions Act"; amending s. 318.13(5), Florida Statutes, to include traffic infraction enforcement officers within the definition of "officer" for the purposes of said act; creating s. 318.141, Florida Statutes, to authorize sheriff's departments or police departments of chartered municipalities to employ individuals, who meet certain

qualifications, as traffic infraction enforcement officers; prescribing the duties of such officers; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Dunn—

SB 93—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Public Service Commission; adding s. 350.12(2)(o), Florida Statutes; empowering the Florida Public Service Commission to require railroads to permit the use of their tracks and other facilities for passenger service by the State of Florida, other governmental entities, or privately owned transportation companies at a reasonable compensation; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Governmental Operations.

By Senator Dunn—

SB 94—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public health; providing for regulation by the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services of the fluoride content in public water supply systems; providing for rules and regulations; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services and Ways and Means.

By Senator Gallen—

SB 95—A bill to be entitled An act relating to DeSoto County; transferring control and possession of certain state-owned property to DeSoto County for the purpose of creating a public park; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Poston—

SB 96—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicles; amending s. 325.16, Florida Statutes; requiring the removal of portion of inspection sticker on a vehicle failing safety equipment inspection; providing a period for correction of defects; providing for extension of such period; limiting the operation of vehicles with certain defects; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation and Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Henderson—

SB 97—A bill to be entitled An act relating to game and fresh water fish; amending s. 372.573(2), Florida Statutes, exempting totally and permanently disabled persons from the payment of permit fees for fishing on certain state lands; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Myers—

SB 98—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; providing for optional coverage in hospital and medical insurance policies for care and treatment of mental and nervous disorders, alcoholism, and drug addiction; prescribing minimum benefits; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Johnston—

SB 99—A bill to be entitled An act relating to eminent domain proceedings by counties; amending s. 127.01(2), Florida Statutes; deleting the provisions that specify the manner in

which a court is required to determine public necessity for the proposed taking and the amount of land to be taken when a county condemns land for recreational purposes; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Governmental Operations.

By Senator Graham—

SB 100—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Beatrice Manus; providing an appropriation to compensate her for the death of her husband, Lloyd A. Manus, as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident with a Dade County school bus; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Special Master and the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Scarborough—

SB 101—A bill to be entitled An act relating to private investigative agencies, watchman, guard and patrol services; amending s. 493.06(2), Florida Statutes; providing a renewal fee for statewide gun permits; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Henderson—

SB 102—A bill to be entitled An act relating to game and fresh water fish; adding paragraph (e) to s. 372.57(4), Florida Statutes, providing that totally and permanently disabled persons do not need a fishing license in this state; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Scarborough—

SB 103—A bill to be entitled An act relating to drivers' licenses; amending ss. 322.12(1), 322.121(2), Florida Statutes; providing that driver's license fee be paid only when the applicant initially submits to examination or periodic reexamination; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Tobiassen—

SB 104—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Election Code; amending s. 104.451(2), Florida Statutes, and adding a new subsection to said section; authorizing suspension of a municipal election because of a flood or hurricane; providing for holding the election on another date; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Hair—

SB 105—A bill to be entitled An act relating to special license tags; amending s. 320.083(1), (2), Florida Statutes; providing for official call letters, including those call letters assigned by the Armed Services of the United States as a prefix, when applicable, to be inscribed on license plates issued to amateur radio operators for motor vehicles for private use; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By Senator Dunn—

SB 106—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Beach and Shore Preservation Act; creating s. 161.212, Florida Statutes; providing that class actions may be filed to preserve the public's interest in beaches; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senators D. Childers, Zinkil, Henderson, Deeb, J. Lane, Dunn, and Trask—

SB 107—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; creating s. 232.245, Florida Statutes; requiring a functional literacy examination prior to graduation from high school and elementary school; providing for the Department of Education to prescribe the examinations; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education and Ways and Means.

By Senators Poston, Zinkil and Stolzenburg—

SB 108—A bill to be entitled An act relating to eminent domain; amending ss. 73.091, 73.131, Florida Statutes; providing a method for determining attorney's fees in eminent domain proceedings; limiting such fees for trial and for appeal; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation, Judiciary-Civil and Ways and Means.

By Senator Spicola—

SB 109—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act; amending s. 403.505(2), Florida Statutes; providing additional criteria for the Division of State Planning to consider in its preliminary study of a proposed electrical power plant site; amending s. 403.507(2), Florida Statutes; changing certain site criteria to be included in a study of a proposed electrical power plant; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Natural Resources and Conservation.

By Senator McClain—

SB 110—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nonpartisan elections; amending s. 105.021, Florida Statutes; changing the time of elections for judicial officers; amending ss. 98.161(1), 99.061(3), Florida Statutes; creating part II, chapter 105, Florida Statutes; providing for the nonpartisan election of supervisors of elections; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Spicola—

SB 111—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission; adding s. 372.573(3), Florida Statutes; authorizing the county tax collector to issue permits to use lands of the commission for outdoor recreational purposes; authorizing the county tax collector to collect a fee for taking the application and issuing the permit; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Poston—

SB 112—A bill to be entitled An act relating to eminent domain; amending s. 73.071, Florida Statutes; providing a method for determining compensation to be paid for property taken; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation, Judiciary-Civil and Ways and Means.

By Senator Dunn—

SB 113—A bill to be entitled An act relating to appeal of sentences; creating s. 924.091, Florida Statutes; allowing a defendant sentenced to imprisonment for 3 years or more to appeal his sentence; authorizing the appellate court to affirm, reduce, increase, or otherwise modify the sentence, or to remand the sentence to the trial court with instructions; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Dunn—

SJR 114—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1, Article IV of the State Constitution, relating to appointments by the governor to fill vacant state or county offices.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Dunn, Deeb, Gallen and McClain—

SB 115—A bill to be entitled An act relating to witnesses in criminal proceedings; amending s. 914.04, Florida Statutes; providing that no person shall be excused from complying with a subpoena or subpoena duces tecum on the basis of his privilege against self-incrimination; providing the witness with immunity from the use of any compelled testimony or other information derived from such testimony, against him in any criminal case, except in a prosecution for perjury, giving a false statement, or in a proceeding for contempt for failing to comply with the subpoena or subpoena duces tecum; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Spicola—

SB 116—A bill to be entitled An act relating to environmental land and water management; amending s. 380.06(2), (8), Florida Statutes; providing for determination of whether particular developments shall be presumed to be of regional impact; prescribing factors for regional planning agencies to consider in making reports and recommendations to local governments on the regional impact of proposed developments; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Conservation.

By Senator Henderson—

SM 117—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to federal deficit spending.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Henderson—

SB 118—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mobile home parks; creating s. 83.697, Florida Statutes; providing that a mobile home park owner or operator shall not prohibit meetings between tenants; amending ss. 83.72, 83.73, Florida Statutes; providing for civil action and injunction in case of violation; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Sayler—

SB 119—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the State Officers and Employees Group Insurance Program Law; amending s. 112.075(7)(a), Florida Statutes; authorizing an increase from 75 percent to 100 percent in the amount of state contribution to the payment of premiums for individual coverage; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator J. Thomas—

SB 120—A bill to be entitled An act relating to credit cards; requiring all business organizations, financial institutions, or their agents, issuing credit cards to provide cardholders with interest statements for the year; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator J. Thomas—

SB 121—A bill to be entitled An act relating to minors; amending s. 743.06, Florida Statutes; providing that any minor who has reached the age of 17 years may donate his blood without parental consent; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator J. Thomas—

SB 122—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; to require the department to devise a plan for the staggered biennial renewal of licenses issued by boards and commissions within the department; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Lewis—

SB 123—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Robert L. Crowder; providing an appropriation to compensate him for court costs and attorney's fees; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Special Master and the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senators Tobiasen, Hair, Holloway, Gallen, J. Lane, Deeb, McClain, Glisson, Henderson and Spicola—

SB 124—A bill to be entitled An act relating to governmental reorganization; creating s. 20.35, Florida Statutes; creating a Department of Veterans' Affairs; transferring the Division of Veterans' Affairs of the Department of Community Affairs to said department; providing powers and duties of the department; directing that conforming editorial changes be made in the Florida Statutes; repealing s. 20.18(2)(c), (13), Florida Statutes, to conform to this act; providing that any costs occasioned by the operation of the act be paid from the existing budget of the Division of Veterans' Affairs of the Department of Community Affairs; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senators Glisson and McClain—

SB 125—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the punishment of criminal offenders; amending ss. 775.082(1), 775.087(2), Florida Statutes; requiring a person convicted of a capital felony or of a felony involving possession of a firearm or destructive device to serve a minimum number of calendar years before becoming eligible for parole; amending ss. 944.27, 944.29, Florida Statutes; prohibiting gain-time credit and extra good-time credit for persons previously convicted of a felony, or convicted of a capital felony or of a felony involving possession of a firearm or destructive device; creating s. 947.165, Florida Statutes; requiring a person convicted of a second or subsequent felony to serve no less than one-third of his sentence before becoming eligible for parole; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senators J. Lane and Glisson—

SB 126—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Unemployment Compensation Law; amending s. 443.08(5)(a), Florida Statutes; providing that benefits paid to state employees be based on service other than employment in hospitals or institutions of higher education; amending s. 443.08(6)(a), Florida Statutes, and adding a new subsection to said section; providing that the state or its political subdivisions may elect to pay contributions to finance the payment of benefits; providing for notice of such election; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 127—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; prescribing method of fixing millage for purposes of ad valorem

taxation by counties and other taxing authorities other than school districts; requiring counties, municipalities and taxing districts to reduce millage in proportion to the increase of the general level of assessed valuation of property; authorizing a 10 percent increase in millage; providing for further millage increases in emergencies; specifying millages to be excluded from the reductions required by this act; providing local taxing authorities the option of maintaining millage necessary to participate in state funding programs; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Gallen—

SB 128—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal law; providing that any person convicted of a felony or misdemeanor and placed on probation may be required to perform some type of public service for a tax-supported or tax-exempt entity; requiring such public service to be performed at a time other than during such person's regular hours of employment; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Gallen—

SB 129—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Offender Rehabilitation; providing that the construction of facilities for the housing and maintenance of prisoners be in a manner designed to accommodate the maximum number of prisoners for the least cost per prisoner; requiring the department to develop and implement an industrial work program; providing punishment for any prisoner refusing or neglecting to participate in the program; amending s. 945.21(1)(h), Florida Statutes; prohibiting payment to a prisoner who fails to perform assigned work; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services and Ways and Means.

By Senator Sayler—

SB 130—A bill to be entitled An act relating to compensation of county commissioners; amending s. 145.031(1), Florida Statutes; providing a maximum salary; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Wilson—

SB 131—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Board of Regents; amending s. 240.011(2), Florida Statutes, and adding a new subsection to said section; providing for the appointment and term of office of a student member of the board on a trial basis; providing for a report to the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education and Governmental Operations.

By Senator McClain—

SB 132—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act; amending s. 496.02(5)(b), Florida Statutes; excluding an employee of a professional solicitor from the definition of the term "professional solicitor"; amending s. 496.031(2), Florida Statutes; excluding certain employees making telephone solicitations from the requirement of applying for an employee's certificate; amending s. 496.11(5), (7)-(11), Florida Statutes; prohibiting agents, servants, or employees of professional solicitors from soliciting without complying with certain conditions; amending s. 496.13(2), Florida Statutes; including agents, servants, or employees of professional solicitors within the group which the Department of State may investigate with respect to violations; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senators Holloway, Renick and Poston—

SB 133—A bill to be entitled An act relating to highways and bridges; providing an appropriation for the purpose of repairing and reconstructing the bridges in the Florida Keys on U.S. Highway 1; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Stolzenburg—

SB 134—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ad valorem tax assessments; amending s. 193.011(2), Florida Statutes, to require the property appraiser to consider a zoning ordinance, land use regulation, or moratorium, when applicable, in arriving at just valuation of property; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Brantley—

SB 135—A bill to be entitled An act relating to legislative organization procedures and staffing; repealing s. 11.30, Florida Statutes, which section establishes the legislative staff internship program; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Rules and Calendar and Ways and Means.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 136—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juveniles; amending s. 39.12(3), (4) and s. 39.14(5), Florida Statutes; entitling law enforcement agencies, the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, and the Department of Offender Rehabilitation to inspect and copy court records relating to treatment of juveniles under chapter 39, Florida Statutes; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Glisson—

SB 137—A bill to be entitled An act relating to probation; amending s. 948.01(3), Florida Statutes; providing that a defendant convicted of his first felony offense shall be required as a condition of probation to spend a minimum period of time in a state prison; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Deeb—

SCR 138—A concurrent resolution to encourage and support the study of law in the Florida state school system.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Glisson and McClain—

SB 139—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financial disclosure by public officers, candidates for public office, and public employees; amending s. 112.3145, Florida Statutes; requiring public officers, candidates for public office, and certain public employees to make public disclosure of their finances; prescribing procedures and prescribing information to be disclosed; authorizing counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions to exempt the officers and employees of such political subdivisions from such financial disclosure requirements; providing for the repeal of certain financial disclosure provisions when such provisions become obsolete; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senators Glisson, Ware and Gallen—

SB 140—A bill to be entitled An act relating to burglary; renumbering s. 810.02(2), (3), Florida Statutes, and adding

a new subsection to said section; providing that burglary of a dwelling place is a capital felony if other specified offenses are attempted or committed upon persons lawfully within the dwelling; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Poston—

SB 141—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driver education; amending s. 233.063, Florida Statutes; requiring the district school board to make available a 36-hour driver education course consisting of classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel driving; providing for withholding of funds for noncompliance with requirements; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to monitor such driver education program; creating s. 322.112, Florida Statutes; reestablishing the requirement that persons under 18 complete a driver education course prior to issuance of an operator's or chauffeur's license; providing for content of such course; amending s. 488.04, Florida Statutes; providing qualifications for driving instructors; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation, Education and Ways and Means.

By Senators Vogt and Dunn—

SB 142—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cruelty to animals; amending s. 828.02, Florida Statutes; providing definitions; creating s. 828.122, Florida Statutes; making it unlawful for persons to use animals for fighting or baiting, to own or manage any facility used for the purpose of animal fighting or baiting, to promote any animal fighting or baiting; making it unlawful to bet on or attend any animal fighting or baiting; providing penalties; providing for seizure and disposition of the animals; providing exceptions; providing an exemption for hog-hunting or retrieval of hogs; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 143—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal law and procedure; amending s. 903.03(2)(a), Florida Statutes; authorizing the Department of Offender Rehabilitation to investigate and report with respect to admission to bail any person charged with a bailable offense on the request of any court of record; amending ss. 921.231(1), 948.01(2), Florida Statutes; providing for referral of cases to the department for presentence investigation and recommendation by any court having original jurisdiction of criminal actions; amending s. 944.025(1), Florida Statutes; authorizing the department to supervise pretrial intervention programs; amending s. 948.02, Florida Statutes; prescribing the duties of the department with respect to probationers and prisoners upon whom sentence has been deferred; amending s. 951.24(9), Florida Statutes; requiring boards of county commissioners to pay the department for work-release programs for prisoners out of fine and forfeiture funds; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senator J. Thomas—

SB 144—A bill to be entitled An act relating to licensing of construction industry; amending the introductory paragraph and paragraphs (j) and (k) of s. 468.102(1), Florida Statutes; adding swimming pool work to those items which a contractor shall subcontract; adding to the scope of work of commercial and residential pool contractors; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senators Dunn and Zinkil—

SB 145—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property assessment for purposes of ad valorem taxation; amending s. 195.062, Florida Statutes; deleting requirement that prop-

erty assessment manual include an instruction on the assessment of platted but undeveloped acreage; providing that the act operate retroactively; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Zinkil (by request)—

SB 146—A bill to be entitled An act relating to contract bids pursuant to the Florida Transportation Code; amending s. 337.14, Florida Statutes; providing for the qualification of applicants to bid on work on which bids are taken by the Department of Transportation; requiring persons seeking qualification to bid on contracts in excess of \$100,000 to submit certain information to the department; providing that such certification is not necessary to bid on contracts not in excess of \$100,000, or on contracts for the construction of a building; repealing s. 337.13, Florida Statutes, relating to regulations of the department for the qualification of bidders; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation and Commerce.

By Senator Zinkil—

SB 147—A bill to be entitled An act relating to bail; amending s. 903.03(2), Florida Statutes; authorizing the Department of Offender Rehabilitation, on the request of the trial court, to make an investigation of a person being held for a bailable offense and report to the court with respect to such person's admission to bail; providing that the report include a record of outstanding warrants of arrest; providing when such an investigation and report may be requested for the purpose of increasing or reducing bail; amending s. 903.132, Florida Statutes; prohibiting bail on appeal for persons convicted of specified violations of the Florida Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 148—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juveniles; amending s. 39.03(6)(a), Florida Statutes; authorizing the photograph of a child taken into custody upon probable cause that he has committed a criminal act to be shown to any victim or witness of a crime for the purpose of identifying the person who committed such crime; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Renick—

SCR 149—A concurrent resolution urging the purchase of the Bicentennial-design E Bond and further special support of the United States Savings Bonds Program.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Gallen—

SB 150—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the construction of interstate highways; making an appropriation for the purpose of completing construction of Interstate 75; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Hair—

SB 151—A bill to be entitled An act relating to automobile insurance; prohibiting automobile liability insurance from being cancelled for nonpayment of any increased premium until after a specified period from the date notice of the increased premium is mailed to the insured; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By the Committee on Governmental Operations—

SB 152—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; providing that no member of an examining and licensing board be paid a salary or compensation; providing that each member receive per diem and mileage; amending ss. 310.042(1), 458.04(1), 459.21, 460.21(5), 461.13, 462.09, 463.06, 463.18(1)(c), 464.051(4), 465.051, 466.20, 467.04, 468.104, 468.154(1), 470.06, 473.21, 477.20(3), 480.15(1), 481.041(2), 484.08, 489.03(2), 490.15(6), and 490.16, Florida Statutes; repealing ss. 460.21(4), 463.18(1)(a), (b), 468.166(9), 471.09, 474.111(4), (5), 475.08, 476.18(3), 491.03(4), and 492.05, Florida Statutes; deleting provisions relating to compensation, per diem, and mileage for members of an examining and licensing board; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Spicola—

SB 153—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle license taxes; amending s. 320.10(1)(e), Florida Statutes, including the Children's Home, Inc., within a list of organizations for which motor vehicle license taxes do not have to be paid on motor vehicles or station wagons operated by the organizations; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Sims—

SB 154—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on sales, use and other transactions; amending s. 212.08(6), Florida Statutes; providing a tax exemption for contractors employed by the United States Government, the state, or any county, municipality or political subdivision of this state on sales of tangible personal property which becomes a part of public works owned by such government; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Zinkil (by request)—

SB 155—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.051(2)(a), Florida Statutes, 1974 Supplement, as amended, reopening the Florida Retirement System to members of certain existing retirement systems and extending survivor benefits for members transferring from the Teachers' Retirement System of Florida to the Florida Retirement System; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Spicola—

SB 156—A bill to be entitled An act relating to forms used by state agencies; creating the Paperwork Reduction and Simplification Act of 1976; providing duties of the Department of Administration and of state agencies; prohibiting the use of certain forms; requiring the use of prescribed forms; providing that any dispute between the department and a state agency be resolved by the Governor and Cabinet; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations, Rules and Calendar and Ways and Means.

By Senator Johnston—

SB 157—A bill to be entitled An act relating to optometry; amending s. 463.14(1), Florida Statutes; deleting the prohibition on advertisement of price or credit terms for optometric service; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senators Myers and Hair—

SB 158—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the crime of larceny; amending s. 812.021, Florida Statutes; prescribing

grand larceny and petty larceny providing penalties; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senators Poston, Tobiassen, J. Thomas, Trask and D. Lane—

SB 159—A bill to be entitled An act relating to county and municipal warrants; creating s. 215.423, Florida Statutes; requiring all agencies of a county or municipality to file the voucher authorizing payment of an invoice within 15 days of receipt of invoice and receipt, inspection, and approval of goods or services; requiring mailing of the warrant within 15 days of filing the voucher; providing record-keeping requirements; authorizing and directing the governing body of a county or municipality to implement the provisions; providing for discharge of employees who fail to comply; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Poston—

SB 160—A bill to be entitled An act relating to county and municipal roads and bridges; adding s. 336.41(4), Florida Statutes; amending ss. 336.44(1), 336.47(1), Florida Statutes; providing that the board of county commissioners contract through the competitive bid process for work which exceeds \$3,000; providing that the governing body of a municipality contract through the competitive bid process for work which exceeds \$3,000; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation and Governmental Operations.

By Senator Holloway—

SB 161—A bill to be entitled An act relating to junk dealers, scrap metal processors, persons dealing in secondhand goods, and foundries; amending s. 812.049(3), Florida Statutes; redefining "metals"; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Holloway—

SB 162—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the enforcement of statutory liens; adding s. 85.031(4), Florida Statutes; providing procedure for sale of certain electronic equipment and materials left for alteration, repair, or construction when not picked up and the charges are not paid; requiring notice to the owner; providing for distribution of proceeds from such sale; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Lewis—

SB 163—A bill to be entitled An act relating to coordination of marine research activities; creating a council for review of all marine research proposals; providing for membership and meetings; providing duties and responsibilities; providing for the issuance of reports; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations, Natural Resources and Conservation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Poston—

SB 164—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state officers and employees; amending s. 110.111(1), Florida Statutes; providing penalties for willful violations of any law or rule of the State Career Service System by any state officer or employee; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Poston—

SB 165—A bill to be entitled An act relating to authorized state personnel positions; adding subsection (4) to s. 216.262,

Florida Statutes; prohibiting an agency from employing more than one full-time officer or employee in the same position except as provided by rules of the Department of Administration; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Glisson—

SB 166—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ethics in government; amending s. 99.012(6), Florida Statutes; providing that no person may qualify as a candidate for public office unless he files required financial disclosure; amending s. 112.312(4), Florida Statutes; providing definition; creating s. 112.3135, Florida Statutes; restricting representation of persons or entities before certain governmental bodies or agencies by legislators, former legislators, or persons formerly holding statewide elective office; creating ss. 112.31455, 112.31456, Florida Statutes; requiring certain public officers, candidates for certain public offices, and certain public employees to disclose financial interests and clients represented before certain agencies; prescribing procedures and information to be disclosed; amending s. 112.3146, Florida Statutes; making such disclosures a public record; amending s. 112.3147, Florida Statutes; authorizing the Commission on Ethics to prescribe forms for such disclosures; amending s. 112.317(1)(c), Florida Statutes; providing that a candidate failing to file required disclosure may be removed from the ballot; amending s. 112.324(2), (3), (4)(d)(f), Florida Statutes; providing that investigations of the Commission on Ethics be made public; repealing s. 112.3145, Florida Statutes, which provides for disclosure of financial interests and clients represented before agencies; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil, Governmental Operations and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Dunn—

SJR 167—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 7, Article IV of the State Constitution, relating to the suspension of public officers; authorizing the governor to suspend public officers without a hearing; prescribing grounds for suspension; authorizing the senate to publicly censure certain suspended officers; providing for the suspension of state officers subject to impeachment who are indicted for a felony or against whom an information charging the commission of a felony is filed; providing for the filling of the office for the period of suspension.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Sims—

SB 168—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electrologists; creating an Electrologist Council under the State Board of Medical Examiners; providing membership and terms; providing powers and duties of the board which may be delegated to the council; providing for licensing of electrologists; prescribing qualifications and fees for licenses; providing exemptions; authorizing the board to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew licenses or discipline licensees; authorizing the use of titles and abbreviations; making specified conduct unlawful; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Peterson—

SB 169—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Wade Robert Westmoreland; providing an appropriation to compensate him for salary lost during his suspension; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Special Master and the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Peterson—

SB 170—A bill to be entitled An act relating to marriage licenses; amending ss. 741.04, 741.06, Florida Statutes; chang-

ing age 21 to 18 relative to issuance of marriage licenses; reducing minimum age for issuance of marriage licenses to males, with or without consent; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Tobiassen—

SB 171—A bill to be entitled An act relating to self-service gasoline stations; amending s. 526.141(6), Florida Statutes, and adding a new subsection to said section; requiring such stations to be equipped with air and water hoses for customer use; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Tobiassen—

SB 172—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the district school system; authorizing the district school board to award physical education credit to high school students participating in interscholastic athletics or in the Reserve Officer Training Corps; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Senator J. Thomas—

SB 173—A bill to be entitled An act providing for the relief of Miami Wholesale Tobacco Company of Broward, Inc.; providing an appropriation to compensate the company for the value of unused Florida cigarette tax stamps contained in Pitney-Bowes cigarette tax stamp meter No. 42509 which was stolen from the company on September 1, 1974; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Special Master and the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Zinkil (by request)—

SB 174—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public retirement and pension plans; creating s. 112.0516, Florida Statutes; providing for refund of contributions; allowing vesting of rights; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator J. Lane—

SB 175—A bill to be entitled An act relating to landlord and tenant; amending s. 83.49(3)(b), Florida Statutes; requiring the balance of a tenant's security deposit to be refunded within 30 days after the landlord's notice of intention to impose a damage claim, when the tenant fails to timely object to such claim; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Zinkil—

SB 176—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state personnel; redesignating subsection 110.022(4), Florida Statutes, as paragraph 110.022(1)(j), relating to meritorious service awards to employees and amending said paragraph to provide for the establishment of savings and participation goals for state employees who propose procedures or ideas which are implemented and by which savings are achieved; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Gallen—

SB 177—A bill to be entitled An act relating to common-law trusts; creating s. 609.08, Florida Statutes; authorizing a common-law trust that is certified to transact business in this state to acquire an estate or interest in or lien on real property; providing that the association may convey, transfer, encumber,

dispose of, and otherwise deal with such estate, interest, or lien; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Renick—

SB 178—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of the City of Coral Gables, Dade County; providing an appropriation to compensate the city for its loss of revenue sustained by overpayment of motor vehicle license taxes on city buses; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Special Master and the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Renick—

SB 179—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Metropolitan Dade County Transit Authority; providing an appropriation to compensate the county for its loss of revenue sustained by overpayment of motor vehicle license taxes on county buses; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Special Master and the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator J. Thomas—

SB 180—A bill to be entitled An act relating to care for life facilities; adding subsection (6) to s. 651.02, Florida Statutes; providing definitions; adding s. 651.03(2), (3), Florida Statutes; specifying the duties of the Department of Insurance with respect to the establishment of procedures for the issuance of certificates of authority or special permits for care for life facilities; requiring compliance with certain rules of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services; providing for the establishment of standards relating to safety, sanitation, and specialized services; creating s. 651.085, Florida Statutes; providing for bonding requirements; amending s. 651.10, Florida Statutes; authorizing the Department of Insurance to enter and inspect care for life facilities; providing for periodic examination of financial condition and notification of violations and requiring compliance; providing civil penalty and civil damages; creating s. 651.105, Florida Statutes; providing for complaints by individuals and requests for inspections of facilities; amending s. 651.12, Florida Statutes; providing for injunctive relief; providing for procedure relating to violations; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 181—A bill to be entitled An act relating to licensing of the construction industry; amending s. 468.102(7), Florida Statutes, to redefine "register"; amending s. 468.105(1)(a), (2), Florida Statutes, to provide that contractors register by filing an application as prescribed by the Florida Construction Industry Licensing Board and to specify the limitations authorized by registration for contracting in the state; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator J. Lane—

SB 182—A bill to be entitled An act relating to homestead exemption; amending s. 196.081(1), Florida Statutes; deleting the listing of specified disabilities from provisions which exempt from taxation the homestead property of certain totally and permanently disabled veterans; requiring such veterans to be permanent residents of the state; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senators Wilson and Vogt—

SB 183—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation of sales, use and other transactions; adding s. 212.08(7)(1), Flor-

ida Statutes; exempting from such tax the sale at retail of certain prefabricated or modular housing units; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Renick—

SB 184—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the taking of marine corals and sea fans; amending s. 370.114, Florida Statutes; providing that it is unlawful to take, attempt to take, or otherwise destroy, or to sell or attempt to sell, or to possess certain marine corals and sea fans; providing exceptions; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Dunn—

SB 185—A bill to be entitled An act relating to search warrants; creating s. 933.065, Florida Statutes; providing for issuance upon the sworn oral testimony of a person not in the physical presence of the judge; providing method for return of such warrants; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 186—A bill to be entitled An act relating to probation; creating s. 948.08, Florida Statutes, to provide that a person convicted of a crime committed while on parole or probation shall not be eligible for probation nor shall his sentence be suspended or deferred; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senator Peterson—

SB 187—A bill to be entitled An act relating to railroads; creating s. 351.055, Florida Statutes; requiring that all railroad locomotives, except those powered by steam or used exclusively in yard service, be equipped with speedometers; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation and Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senators Peterson, Renick, Trask, Dunn, Poston, Winn and Gordon—

SB 188—A bill to be entitled An act relating to gasoline marketing agreements; regulating marketing agreements between automotive gasoline distributors and automotive gasoline dealers; providing a short title; declaring policy; providing definitions; enumerating violations by distributors; providing for actions by dealers against distributors; providing limitations; providing defenses of distributors; providing for termination or cancellation of leases; providing application; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senators Johnston and Saylor—

SB 189—A bill to be entitled An act relating to "mopeds" propelled by helper motors; amending s. 316.003(2), (21), (23), (64), Florida Statutes; providing that "mopeds" propelled by certain helper motors be included in the definition of "bicycle" and excluded from the definitions of "motor vehicle", "motor-driven cycles", and "vehicle"; adding s. 316.111(14), Florida Statutes; providing that no person under age 16 shall operate a motor-propelled bicycle; amending ss. 320.01(1)(a), (23), 322.01(1), (2), 324.021(1), Florida Statutes; excluding "mopeds" from the definitions of "motor vehicle", "motor-driven cycle", and "vehicle"; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation and Ways and Means.

By Senators Plante and Saylor—

SB 190—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public officers; creating s. 111.09, Florida Statutes; allowing an elected official to refuse any portion of his salary; providing for return of funds to the general fund; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Tobiasen—

SB 191—A bill to be entitled An act relating to county hospitals; amending ss. 155.07 and 155.11, Florida Statutes; providing that the hospital administrator or a designated full-time hospital employee may countersign vouchers and warrants in absence of the chairman and chairman pro tem; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Plante—

SB 192—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Corrections Code; amending s. 944.42, Florida Statutes; providing penalties for assault by persons confined or incarcerated in county or municipal penal institutions; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Plante—

SB 193—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; creating s. 196.205, Florida Statutes; exempting certain property used for child day care from ad valorem taxation; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Plante—

SB 194—A bill to be entitled An act relating to disabled or handicapped persons; providing intent; requiring certain buildings to have an accessible entrance on certain grade levels; requiring such buildings to have an accessible restroom where restrooms exist; requiring parking spaces where parking areas are provided; providing that rules relating to waiver of requirements be established by the Board of Building Codes and Standards; providing that complaints may be filed with the board of county commissioners or the governing body of a local governmental unit; providing for the issuance of orders for compliance; providing for appeals to the Board of Building Codes and Standards; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations, Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Plante—

SB 195—A bill to be entitled An act relating to legislative planning; creating s. 11.140, Florida Statutes; providing for an annual meeting between the Florida congressional delegation and a 17-member delegation representing the Florida legislative and executive branches for the purpose of planning legislative needs; providing for the appointment of delegates; providing a choice of location and assigning coordinating responsibilities; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Plante—

SB 196—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public printing; adding s. 283.101(3), Florida Statutes; requiring legislative approval prior to publication of agency reports unless authorized by statute; amending s. 283.27(1), Florida Statutes; requiring citation of statutory authority for printing; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations, Rules and Calendar and Ways and Means.

By Senator Plante—

SB 197—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the sales and use tax; adding paragraph (1) to s. 212.08(7), Florida Statutes; exempting from sales tax articles of typography, artwork, photoengravings, compositions, lithographs, or electrotypes sold to a person engaged in printing if such products are to be used in producing certain materials for resale; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal—

SB 198—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fire prevention and control; amending ss. 633.081(1), Florida Statutes; providing that the State Fire Marshal and his agents inspect state, county, and municipal correctional facilities; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal, Health and Rehabilitative Services and Ways and Means.

By Senator Zinkil—

SB 199—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public printing; amending s. 283.28, Florida Statutes, 1975; providing for biennial purging of publication mailing lists maintained by state agencies and any other subdivision of government; providing a specified form for use in survey; providing submittal of a report to the Office of the Auditor General; requiring a certain number of copies of each agency publication to be sent to the State Library; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations, Rules and Calendar and Ways and Means.

By Senators Renick, Barron, Tobiassen, Brantley, W. D. Childers, Deeb, Gallen, Glisson, Henderson, J. Lane, Peterson, Scarborough, Stolzenburg, Vogt, J. Thomas, D. Lane, Lewis, Trask, Dunn, Zinkil, Spicola, Poston and P. Thomas—

SB 200—A bill to be entitled An act relating to weapons and firearms; amending ss. 790.16, 790.161, Florida Statutes; distinguishing the crime of discharging a machine gun from the crime of making, discharging, or attempting to discharge a destructive device; increasing the penalties for making, discharging, or attempting to discharge a destructive device resulting in death, bodily harm, property damage, or disruption of governmental operations, commerce, or the private affairs of another person; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Lewis—

SB 201—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Margaret Case of Palm Beach County; providing an appropriation to compensate her for losses sustained by injury resulting from a fall caused by debris carelessly left by state employees on state property; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Special Master and the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Hair—

SB 202—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Human Relations Act; amending ss. 13.201(2), 13.211(3), and 13.251(6), Florida Statutes, to include discrimination based on physical handicap within the definition of discriminatory practices covered by the act; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senators Hair and Poston—

SB 203—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public transportation vehicles; prohibiting igniting or smoking any tobacco product or other substance in a public transportation vehicle owned or operated by a political subdivision; providing a penalty; providing for notice; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Hair—

SB 204—A bill to be entitled An act relating to construction of a state correctional facility; prohibiting counties, municipalities, or other local governmental units from requiring a building permit or fee on the construction of a state correctional facility; voiding special acts in conflict; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Health and Rehabilitative Services.

By Senator J. Lane—

SB 205—A bill to be entitled An act relating to research projects wholly or partially financed by state funds; requiring all federal, state or private agencies, colleges, universities, research stations, and others engaged in such research to file a report annually and prior to commencing any such project; requiring records to be kept by the department of administration, the joint legislative management committee, and the division of library services of the department of state; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations, Rules and Calendar and Ways and Means.

By Senator J. Lane—

SB 206—A bill to be entitled An act relating to judicial treatment of juveniles; amending ss. 39.01(6), 39.03(3)(b), (5)(b), 39.11(2)(a), (4), Florida Statutes; reducing the age under which a person is considered a child for purposes of judicial treatment of juveniles; providing that the placement or assignment of a child within a jail be the joint responsibility of the court and the law enforcement agency head under whose supervision the jail is placed; permitting the court to require certain things of an agent who supervises a child's probation; authorizing the court's participation in decisions concerning placement of a child in a training institution; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator J. Lane—

SB 207—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; adding subsection (5) to s. 106.10, Florida Statutes, 1974 Supplement, to prohibit candidates and political committees, or representatives thereof, from purchasing advertising in certain newspapers or publications; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senators W. D. Childers, Tobiassen, Trask, Renick, Deeb, Brantley, J. Thomas, Zinkil, Firestone, J. Lane, Poston, Winn, Vogt and P. Thomas—

SB 208—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fresh water fishing licenses; adding s. 372.57(4)(e), Florida Statutes; exempting a totally and permanently disabled person from the requirement of buying a noncommercial fresh water fishing license for county of residence; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Ways and Means.

By the Committee on Governmental Operations—

SB 209—A bill to be entitled An act relating to statutory reports to the Legislature; amending s. 18.09, Florida Statutes; requiring the Treasurer to make an annual report; amending

s. 110.0611(3), Florida Statutes; providing that the turnover report be made when the State Personnel Information System becomes operative; amending ss. 229.561, 233.057(4)(b), 236.084(1), 633.32(4), Florida Statutes; deleting reporting requirements; amending s. 241.621(8), Florida Statutes; providing that the report on sponsored research be made at least 90 days prior to the legislative session; amending s. 272.121(4), Florida Statutes; providing that the Capitol Center planning report be made every fifth year; amending ss. 284.42(1), 409.3625, 440.46(1), Florida Statutes; revising reporting requirements; repealing ss. 101.5616, 175.281, 185.232, 229.545(4), 229.8025(3), 229.8055(5), 229.813, 229.835(2), 231.608(2), 232.255(4)(b), 233.067(8), 233.0681(2)(e), 233.069(5), 241.479(3), 402.181(4), 413.038, 440.152(2), 633.40(2), Florida Statutes, relating to reporting requirements; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Glisson—

SB 210—A bill to be entitled An act relating to landlord and tenant; amending s. 83.69(1)(d), Florida Statutes, increasing the required time for notice to mobile home tenants of a change in land use in a mobile home park or portion thereof before the park owner or operator may evict the tenants; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Glisson—

SB 211—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle financial responsibility; amending s. 324.021(7), Florida Statutes; decreasing minimum limits for proof of motor vehicle financial responsibility; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Transportation.

By Senator J. Thomas—

SB 212—A bill to be entitled An act relating to purchasing; creating s. 287.057, Florida Statutes; placing certain conditions upon the purchase of professional and technical services by the state and its agencies; providing for written agreement and for methods of billing for such services; providing that the conditions of this act do not apply to contracts for such services in effect on the effective date of this act; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Governmental Operations—

SB 213—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state officer and employee parking; creating ss. 255.40, 255.41, 255.42, Florida Statutes; authorizing the Division of Building Construction and Property Management of the Department of General Services to assign parking spaces at state-owned facilities except in the legislative office buildings or at the Supreme Court Building; providing for reservation of spaces for state employees and visitors; providing procedures; providing for the presiding officer of each house of the Legislature to assign parking spaces in the legislative office buildings; providing for the Supreme Court to assign parking spaces at its building; providing for punishment of violators; authorizing removal of wrongfully parked vehicles; providing for establishment of a state employee paid parking plan at state-owned facilities; providing for payroll deduction of parking fees; providing that fees collected be deposited in the State Employee Paid Parking Trust Fund; providing for collection of parking fees from state employees who park at leased facilities; providing for deposit of such fees in the General Revenue Fund; authorizing removal of wrongfully parked vehicles; repealing ss. 272.16, 272.161, Florida Statutes, relating to Capitol Center parking; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Rules and Calendar and Ways and Means.

By Senator Winn—

SB 214—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; amending s. 626.970, Florida Statutes; prohibiting insurers from

increasing premiums for automobile insurance or refusing coverage solely because of a citation for a moving traffic violation which was nolle prossed, dismissed, or quashed; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Transportation.

By Senator Winn—

SB 215—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nonresidential landlord-tenant relationships; creating s. 83.252, Florida Statutes; providing that a security deposit or advance rent payment held in excess of 3 months be held in a separate account unless a surety bond is posted; providing for return of deposit or notice of claim thereon within 15 days after termination of the lease; providing for deduction of the amount of the claim upon the tenant's failure to object within 15 days; providing that a tenant who fails to give 7 days' notice prior to vacating the premises waives his right to notice; providing for court costs and attorney's fees; providing a saving clause; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Winn—

SB 216—A bill to be entitled An act relating to registration office, officers and procedures; amending s. 98.081, Florida Statutes, requiring the supervisor to provide the recognized political parties with a copy of the lists of electors temporarily withdrawn from the registration records; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Johnston—

SB 217—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fishing; authorizing the use of bush hook, trot line, or set line in brackish or salt water under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Conservation.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 218—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; creating s. 233.0615, Florida Statutes, to require courses of study in secondary schools related to the legal and justice systems of the state and of the United States; providing for adoption of rules by the State Board of Education; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education and Ways and Means.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 219—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juveniles; amending s. 847.012, Florida Statutes; making it unlawful for any person knowingly to sell, lend, give, distribute, transmit, show, or transfer to a juvenile certain materials dealing with sexual conduct, nudity, or sadomasochistic abuse, or to offer to do so, or to possess with intent to do so; providing exceptions; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Lewis—

SB 220—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the State Board of Education; amending s. 229.053(2)(c), Florida Statutes; providing that universities and community colleges commence operation under a common academic calendar not later than September 1, 1977; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education and Ways and Means.

By Senator Lewis—

SB 221—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nonpublic colleges; amending s. 246.021(1)(a), (c), (h), Florida Statutes; changing certain definitions relating to colleges excluded from licensing and regulation requirements; amending s. 246.051, Florida Statutes; providing minimum educational standards for the licensing of colleges and agents; amending s. 246.091, Florida Statutes; providing certain requirements for licensed colleges which seek to expand their educational program and degrees to be conferred and prior to the discontinuance of operation; creating s. 246.095, Florida Statutes; requiring the disclosure of certain information to prospective students as a condition of the issuance and renewal of licenses; requiring that a sworn statement of compliance be made to the State Board of Independent Colleges and Universities; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Senator Lewis—

SB 222—A bill to be entitled An act relating to saltwater fisheries and conservation; amending s. 370.06(3), Florida Statutes; providing for a 6 or 18-month license for fish and seafood dealers during the transitional period; changing the license year to a calendar year for the year 1977 and subsequent years; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation, Commerce and Ways and Means.

By the Committee on Governmental Operations and Senator Wilson—

SB 223—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fire prevention and control; amending s. 633.05(8), Florida Statutes; expanding the jurisdiction of the State Fire Marshal relative to establishment of uniform fire safety standards; providing that a reference to such standards be included in the applicable rules, regulations, or ordinances of certain state agencies and local governmental units, or instrumentalities thereof; providing for revision and republication of such standards; providing applicability; amending s. 633.121, Florida Statutes; providing that certain local personnel may be designated as ex officio agents of the State Fire Marshal; amending ss. 381.472, 400.23(1)(a), and 553.78(3), Florida Statutes; repealing s. 509.211(2)-(4), (6)-(8), Florida Statutes; eliminating conflicts; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By the Committee on Governmental Operations—

SB 224—A bill to be entitled An act relating to purchasing; amending ss. 283.10(1) and 287.102, Florida Statutes; requiring competitive bids on purchases of class B printing in excess of \$500; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 225—A bill to be entitled An act relating to unemployment compensation; amending s. 443.06(1), Florida Statutes, to define misconduct; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Commerce.

By Senator Myers—

SB 226—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the existing Florida Capitol Building; authorizing the Department of General Services to demolish and remove the building and landscape the site vacated by such demolition and removal; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Rules and Calendar and Ways and Means.

By Senator Dunn—

SJR 227—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 20 of Article V of the State Constitution relating to judicial nominating commissions.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Dunn—

SB 228—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Judicial Nominating Commissions; amending s. 43.29(3), Florida Statutes, limiting members of a Judicial Nominating Commission to one 4-year term; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Myers—

SB 229—A bill to be entitled An act relating to governmental buildings; creating s. 255.27, Florida Statutes; providing state policy on smoking in governmental buildings; requiring agency or person in charge of a governmental building to adopt rules implementing such state policy; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Myers—

SB 230—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the security of state property; repealing s. 17.031, Florida Statutes, which authorizes the Comptroller to engage two law enforcement officers to protect property; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Myers—

SB 231—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the State Officers and Employees Group Insurance Program Law; amending s. 112.075(7)(d), Florida Statutes; providing for the use of state funds for a former county officer or employee to continue county group insurance coverage; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations, Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Myers—

SB 232—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Electronic Data Processing Management Act; amending s. 23.028, Florida Statutes; eliminating the requirement of prior approval by the Division of Electronic Data Processing of the Department of General Services for purchase or lease of electronic equipment when the cost does not exceed \$6,000 in a calendar year; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 233—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state comprehensive planning; adding s. 23.0112(5), Florida Statutes; defining "carrying capacity of an area"; amending s. 23.0114, Florida Statutes; providing that the state comprehensive plan be consistent with the carrying capacity of an area; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Conservation.

By Senators Ware, Lewis and Sayler—

SM 234—A memorial to the Congress of the United States making application to the Congress to call a convention for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget and to make certain exceptions thereto.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Plante—

SB 235—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; requiring that polling places be accessible to and usable by elderly persons and by physically handicapped persons; providing exceptions; requiring reports to the board of county commissioners as to inaccessible polling places; providing for affirmative action to make selected polling places accessible; prohibiting the use of certain selected polling places; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Governmental Operations.

By Senator Wilson—

SB 236—A bill to be entitled An act relating to an official state ballet; designating the "Ballet Guild of Sanford-Seminole" as the official ballet of this state; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator W. D. Childers—

SB 237—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alligators; authorizing the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission to issue permits for the taking of alligators under certain conditions; providing a fee; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Ways and Means.

By Senator McClain (by request)—

SB 238—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Nelson O. Herbert, Jr., for losses sustained as a result of the wrongful denial by the Secretary of State of his application for registration of mark and the wrongful appropriation of such mark by the Governor's Highway Safety Commission; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Special Master and the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Wilson—

SB 239—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Mental Health Act; amending s. 394.455(3), Florida Statutes; redefining "mentally ill"; amending s. 394.457(6), Florida Statutes; providing for review of a hearing examiner's order with respect to continued hospitalization; amending s. 394.467(3)(a), (5), Florida Statutes; providing the patient in an involuntary hospitalization proceeding the right to a trial by jury requiring proof beyond a reasonable doubt; specifying time within which a hearing must be held; providing for involuntary hospitalization; providing for review of hearing examiners' orders in continued hospitalization proceedings; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Ways and Means.

By Senator Wilson—

SB 240—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle licenses; amending s. 320.0611(3), Florida Statutes, and adding a new subsection to said section; providing that a disabled veteran may receive a replacement registration plate with the same license number if his permanently issued registration plate is lost, stolen, or damaged; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Saylor—

SB 241—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state employees; amending s. 112.20(1), (3), (5), Florida Statutes; pro-

viding clarification; conforming provisions, which provide for forfeiture of terminal "incentive" pay for accumulated and unused sick leave, to the Florida Retirement System Act; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Saylor—

SB 242—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public officers and employees; amending s. 112.08, Florida Statutes; providing that group insurance for certain public officers and employees be contracted for based on competitive bidding; providing that counties or school boards contract with qualified insurance companies; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Commerce.

By Senator Wilson—

SB 243—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prostitution; creating s. 796.08, Florida Statutes; prohibiting a person from hiring another to perform an act of prostitution or engaging in a sexual act with the person so hired; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 244—A bill to be entitled An act relating to district school boards; creating s. 233.0625, Florida Statutes, to provide for 1 minute of silent meditation or prayer per day for all students who desire it; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Education.

By Senators Ware, Glisson, Plante, Deeb, Henderson, J. Thomas, Sims, McClain and Dunn—

SB 245—A bill to be entitled An act relating to offender rehabilitation; creating the Prison Industry Commission within the Department of Offender Rehabilitation; providing for the selection of members, organization, and meetings; providing the powers and duties of the commission; providing duties of the department to aid the commission; amending s. 945.13(1), Florida Statutes, to reflect the establishment of the commission; amending s. 945.16(1)(a), (2), Florida Statutes; relating to the sale and use of prison industry products; amending s. 945.17, Florida Statutes, relating to the Industrial Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services and Ways and Means.

By Senator Sims—

SB 246—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the regulation of persons engaged in transactions involving an interest in real estate; creating s. 20.40, Florida Statutes; creating the Department of Real Estate; assigning the Florida Real Estate Commission to the Department of Real Estate; transferring the Division of Florida Land Sales and Condominiums of the Department of Business Regulation and its duties to the Department of Real Estate; authorizing a unit of the Department of Real Estate to enforce laws concerning the offer and sale of securities the underlying asset of which is an interest in real estate; authorizing a unit of the Department of Real Estate to investigate complaints alleging a violation by a mobile home park owner or operator of any provisions of the Florida Residential Landlord and Tenant Act and to bring an action for an injunction in the name of the complaining party; requiring any person, partnership, association, or corporation conducting transactions involving cemetery or interment rights to be registered with and licensed by a unit of the Department of Real Estate; prescribing the qualifications and fees for such registration and licensure; prescribing the grounds for suspension or revocation of such registration or licensure; amending ss. 163.632(3), (4), 475.01(8), 475.02, 475.11, 478.021(2)(g), 478.041(1), Florida Statutes, to conform such sections to the

provisions of this act; repealing s. 20.16(2)(c), (7), Florida Statutes, which establishes the Division of Florida Land Sales and Condominiums within the Department of Business Regulation; repealing s. 20.30(10)(g), Florida Statutes, which assigns the Florida Real Estate Commission to the Division of Occupations of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senators Hair and W. D. Childers—

SB 247—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the practice of massage; creating ss. 480.011, 480.012, 480.013, 480.014, 480.015, 480.016, 480.017, 480.018, 480.019, 480.020, 480.021, 480.022, 480.023, 480.024, 480.025, 480.026, 480.027, 480.028, 480.029, 480.030, Florida Statutes; providing definitions; creating the Florida Board of Massage; providing for organization, meetings, and compensation of the board; providing powers and duties of the board; requiring the board to keep records; requiring masseurs to be certified; requiring massage establishments and schools to be registered; requiring certification or registration prior to issuance of an occupational license; providing certification and registration procedures; requiring display and recording of certificates and registrations; providing for disciplinary action; providing for payment of fees and the disposition thereof; providing for renewal of certificates and registrations; authorizing counties or municipalities to regulate the practice of massage; providing exemptions; providing for certification by endorsement; providing a penalty and a grandfather clause; providing severability; repealing the Massage Registration Law of 1943, former chapter 480, Florida Statutes; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Governmental Operations, Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senators Saunders, Sayler and Plante—

SB 248—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; amending s. 230.752(1), Florida Statutes; deleting reference to district school boards; providing for the establishment of an additional community college center or campus; amending s. 240.141(1), Florida Statutes; providing for the establishment of a university branch campus; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Senator Poston—

SB 249—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Financial Responsibility Law of 1955; transferring the powers, duties, and functions of the Department of Insurance prescribed in such law to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; amending ss. 324.021(2), 324.051, 324.061(1), (3), 324.071, 324.072(1), (2), 324.081(1), Florida Statutes; conforming provisions to reflect such transfer; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Sayler—

SB 250—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation of motor fuel; adding s. 206.45(5), Florida Statutes; creating s. 206.608, Florida Statutes; requiring the payment of an additional one cent tax on each gallon of motor fuel sold or brought into the state by a distributor; providing for the distribution and use of the proceeds of such tax; providing for payment to the State Transportation Trust Fund of certain federal funds received by the state; providing for the repeal of said additional tax upon completion of the interstate highway system in Florida; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Transportation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Sayler—

SB 251—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public employee pension benefit plans; creating s. 112.0516, Florida Stat-

utes; providing for refund of contributions; providing minimum vesting standards; providing for forfeiture of certain benefits for specified crimes; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Sayler—

SB 252—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the maintenance of state prisoners; requiring the Department of Offender Rehabilitation to pay counties a specified amount for maintaining state prisoners in the county jail; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal—

SB 253—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal law; amending ss. 775.082, 775.083, and 775.084(4)(a), Florida Statutes; providing legislative intent, changing terms of imprisonment; providing for flat-time sentencing; increasing fines and providing for corporate fines; providing for restitution by the offender to the victim of the crime; amending ss. 782.04(2), 787.01(2), 810.02(2) and 812.13(2)(a), reclassifying the felonies of second degree murder, kidnapping, aggravated burglary, and robbery committed with a firearm; creating s. 775.085, Florida Statutes; providing factors in aggravation and mitigation for use in sentencing; amending s. 944.27(1), Florida Statutes; providing a new rate of gain time; providing that prisoners be informed of rules of behavior and conduct; amending ss. 947.13(1) and 947.16(1), Florida Statutes; limiting the power of the Parole and Probation Commission to the parole of persons sentenced prior to January 1, 1977; restricting parole eligibility to persons convicted and sentenced prior to January 1, 1977; creating s. 25.411, Florida Statutes; requiring the Florida Supreme Court to conduct sentencing seminars; repealing s. 921.18, Florida Statutes, relating to indeterminate sentence; repealing s. 921.185, Florida Statutes, relating to restitution as a mitigation in sentencing; repealing s. 944.30, Florida Statutes, relating to commutation of life sentences; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senator Scarborough—

SB 254—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trial jurors; adding s. 913.03(13), Florida Statutes; providing that the automatic reinstatement of the civil rights of a convicted felon is a ground for challenge to an individual juror for cause; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Scarborough—

SB 255—A bill to be entitled An act relating to county boundaries; amending ss. 7.10 and 7.16, Florida Statutes, defining the boundaries of Clay and Duval Counties; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Transportation—

SB 256—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation planning; amending s. 334.211, Florida Statutes; redefining certain terms; defining "urbanized area" and "site"; clarifying certain language; providing that certain types of hearings may be combined; providing procedures for public hearings; creating s. 334.217, Florida Statutes; providing that in certain instances the department may construct a major transportation facility not consistent with a local government's comprehensive plan; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 257—A bill to be entitled An act relating to landlords and tenants; adding s. 83.51(5), Florida Statutes, prohibiting landlords from taking reprisals, by raising rent or decreasing services in a discriminatory manner, against tenants who complain of or take action with regard to health or building code violations, violations of laws, ordinances or regulations controlling residential premises, or failure of the landlord to keep the dwelling unit habitable; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Vogt—

SB 258—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state or county officers; creating s. 116.015, Florida Statutes; providing such public officer shall not be held personally liable for the unknown receipt of counterfeit currency; providing for discharging such loss; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 259—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Board of Regents; amending s. 240.011(1), Florida Statutes; increasing the membership of the board to include three full-time students in the State University System; providing for appointment and term of office of each student member; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education and Governmental Operations.

By Senators Gordon, Winn, Poston, Myers, Renick, MacKay and Graham—

SB 260—A bill to be entitled An act relating to housing; amending section 420.011, Florida Statutes, to provide definitions; amending chapter 420, Florida Statutes, by adding part IV to establish a Florida Housing Finance Agency; providing legislative findings, membership, powers and duties; providing special powers relating to mortgages and loans to qualified lending institutions for authorized purposes; providing for grants and advances from a fund established for such purpose; providing for the authorization and issuance of bonds; providing special conditions and procedures; providing for trust funds; providing effective dates.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Dunn—

SB 261—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Community Affairs; amending s. 20.18, Florida Statutes; changing the name of the department to the Department of Veteran and Community Affairs; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Dunn—

SJR 262—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2, Article XI of the State Constitution, relating to the constitution revision commission.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Gordon—

SJR 263—A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 16 of Article VII of the State Constitution, relating to deferred tax on homesteads.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committees on Ways and Means and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Gordon and Graham—

SJR 264—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Article VII of the State Constitution to provide a new Section

16 relating to bonds for housing and related community development facilities.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 265—A bill to be entitled An act relating to rates charged by utility companies; amending s. 366.06(2), Florida Statutes; excluding from the net investment of any utility company regulated by the Florida Public Service Commission any sum expended for certain equipment purchases, for construction of a building, or for contracting for certain services unless the company seeks and accepts the lowest and best bid therefor; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senators Vogt, Brantley, Plante, MacKay, Spicola, Hair, W. D. Childers, Holloway, Poston, Tobiasen, Saylor, Wilson and Henderson—

SJR 266—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Article II of the State Constitution, adding section 8, prohibiting the number of state employees from exceeding one percent of the state population estimate.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Vogt, Brantley, Plante, MacKay, Spicola, Hair, W. D. Childers, Holloway, Poston, Tobiasen, Saylor, Wilson and Henderson—

SB 267—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state employees; providing that the state population estimates of the Department of Administration be used in determining the allowable number of state employees; authorizing the approval of additional positions; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senators Dunn and Saylor—

SB 268—A bill to be entitled An act relating to law enforcement officers; providing for immunity from liability for certain good faith acts done in connection with crimes or apparent crimes; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Myers—

SB 269—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act; amending s. 893.13(1)(f), Florida Statutes; providing a penalty for possession or delivery of not more than 1 avoirdupois ounce of cannabis; amending s. 893.14(1), Florida Statutes, and adding subsection (3) to said section; providing for destruction of arrest or conviction records after a specified period; amending s. 893.15, Florida Statutes; eliminating conflicts; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator McClain—

SB 270—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; amending ss. 98.161(1), 99.061(3), Florida Statutes; creating part II, chapter 105, Florida Statutes; providing for nonpartisan elections of supervisors of elections; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Plante—

SB 271—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicles; providing that recreational vehicles shall not be subject to license or registration tax unless such vehicles are operated over the streets or highways or used for housing accommodations; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senators D. Childers, Zinkil, J. Lane, Henderson, Scarborough, Deeb, Firestone, Glisson, W. D. Childers, and Winn—

SB 272—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school students; requiring each school board to provide adequate security for the safety of school students; authorizing a school board to employ security agents; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senators Tobiasen and P. Thomas—

SB 273—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state-supported retirement systems; amending s. 112.362(1), (3), Florida Statutes, relating to recomputation of retirement benefits for qualified retirees, to provide for eligibility of certain retirees who were made ineligible for such benefits by chapter 75-242, Laws of Florida; providing for retroactive payment of recomputed benefit; providing for continuing appropriations; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Gordon (by request)—

SB 274—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Marion Clay Daniels; providing for an appropriation to compensate him for damages suffered while wrongfully confined at the Sunland Training Center; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Special Master and the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Johnston—

SB 275—A bill to be entitled An act relating to qualifications of directors of banks or trust companies; amending s. 659.11(2), (3), Florida Statutes; removing the requirement that a director own certain stock in the bank or trust company of which he is a director; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senators Plante, W. D. Childers and Hair—

SB 276—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public assistance; amending s. 409.325, Florida Statutes; making false application or failure to disclose a change in entitlement a crime; making the unauthorized use, transfer, acquisition, traffic, alteration, forgery, or possession of public assistance identification or aid a crime; making the misappropriation of public assistance identification or aid by any person having duties in the administration of a public assistance program a crime; making the misappropriation of funds given in exchange for food stamps a crime; making the filing of false claims or claims for unauthorized items or services a crime; making the failure to credit the state for other payments received or billing the recipient or his family for an amount in excess of that authorized a crime; making the aiding and abetting or the attempting of any such act a crime; requiring certain persons soliciting, requesting, or receiving payment or contribution from a recipient of assistance or his family to report the same within the time specified; providing penalties; providing that the repayment of wrongfully obtained assistance does not constitute a defense or ground for dismissal of charges; making the introduction into evidence of a state warrant in favor of the defendant prima facie evidence that the defendant received assistance; providing that certain documents be considered business records for the purpose of introduction into evidence; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senators Trask, Glisson and W. D. Childers—

SB 277—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mobile homes; creating the "Florida Mobile Home Landlord and Ten-

ant Act"; creating ss. 83.750-83.758, Florida Statutes; providing for the application of the act; providing definitions; providing for good faith performance of rental agreements; providing for the effect of unconscionable mobile home lot agreements; prohibiting or declaring unenforceable certain provisions in mobile home lot rental agreements; authorizing award of attorney's fees to mobile home owners in certain cases; providing for park owner's access to mobile homes only upon written consent; providing for reasonable access to lots; providing for the obligation of the mobile home owner and the mobile home park owner to maintain their premises; amending and renumbering s. 83.69, Florida Statutes, as s. 83.759; providing for the eviction of mobile home owners and residents with written notice; amending and renumbering s. 83.695, Florida Statutes, relating to mobile home leases, as s. 83.760; conforming language to the provisions of the act; repealing ss. 83.72 and 83.73, Florida Statutes, relating to civil remedy and injunctions, and creating s. 83.761, Florida Statutes; providing for civil remedy, venue, court costs, attorney's fees, and injunctions with respect to violation of part III of chapter 83; creating ss. 83.762 and 83.763, Florida Statutes; requiring mobile home park owners to make certain disclosures prior to any rental agreements with mobile home owners; providing defenses to an action for rent or possession with respect to mobile homes; amending and renumbering s. 83.70, Florida Statutes, as s. 83.764, and amending and renumbering s. 83.71, Florida Statutes, as s. 83.765; conforming language to the provisions of the act; designating ss. 83.750-83.765, Florida Statutes, as set forth herein, as part III of chapter 83, Florida Statutes, "Landlord and Tenant: Mobile Homes"; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Hair (by request)—

SB 278—A bill to be entitled An act relating to group disability insurance; amending s. 627.653(1), Florida Statutes; reducing the number of employees necessary for a group; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senators Hair and Scarborough—

SB 279—A bill to be entitled An act authorizing and directing the Department of Military Affairs to name the Normandy Boulevard Armory located at Jacksonville in Duval County the Maxwell C. Snyder Armory; directing the department to prepare and locate appropriate signs and markers; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Hair (by request)—

SB 280—A bill to be entitled An act relating to blanket disability insurance; amending s. 627.659(2), Florida Statutes; providing that the spouse and dependent children of an employee may be covered under a policy or contract issued to an employer; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Hair—

SB 281—A bill to be entitled An act relating to watchmakers and clockmakers; adding s. 489.01(7), (8), (9), Florida Statutes; providing definitions; amending s. 489.03(2), Florida Statutes; providing reimbursement of members of the Florida Watchmakers' Commission for travel expenses; amending s. 489.04, Florida Statutes; providing a procedure for setting examination fee; providing notice to applicants of acceptance to the examination; lowering the minimum age for application; creating s. 489.051, Florida Statutes; providing for an examination in clockmaking; amending s. 489.061(9), Florida Statutes; providing appellate review of suspension or revocation of establishment certificates; amending s. 489.07, Florida Statutes; providing a procedure for setting fee for apprentice watchmakers; amending s. 489.09(1), Florida Statutes; providing appellate review of revocation of certificates; creating s. 489.091, Florida Statutes; authorizing the commission to

seek injunctive relief; creating s. 489.13, Florida Statutes; prohibiting the issuance of occupational license to certain persons; creating s. 489.15, Florida Statutes; providing for certification by endorsement; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Gallen—

SB 282—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financial disclosure by state and local officers and employees; amending ss. 112.3145(2)(a), (c), (3), (4), 112.3146, 112.3147, Florida Statutes; providing that statements of financial interests be filed with the Commission on Ethics; changing disclosure requirements; removing such statements from the definition of public records; adding s. 112.322(7), Florida Statutes; requiring the Commission on Ethics to confidentially review statements of financial interests; prohibiting certain state officers and employees from representing persons before certain agencies; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil, Governmental Operations, Rules and Calendar and Ways and Means.

By Senator Graham—

SB 283—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; amending s. 230.753(6), Florida Statutes; providing that the chairman of each community college board of trustees notify the Governor, in writing, whenever a board member fails to attend more than three regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Senator Renick—

SB 284—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Litter Law of 1971; amending s. 403.413(2)(a), (4), (5), Florida Statutes; redefining "litter"; prescribing acts of willful or negligent littering that are unlawful; providing penalties; providing conditions of probation upon second or subsequent convictions; providing for rewards; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Natural Resources and Conservation.

By Senator Johnston—

SB 285—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Palm Beach County; providing for the relief of William G. Willis; providing an appropriation to compensate him for loss of income and personal injury as a result of an accident caused by the negligence of the Palm Beach County Survey Department; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Special Master and the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Gallen—

SB 286—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the G. Pierce Wood Memorial Hospital at Arcadia, DeSoto County, Florida; amending s. 945.025(3), Florida Statutes; prohibiting conversion of the hospital into a correctional facility; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal, Health and Rehabilitative Services and Ways and Means.

By Senator Poston—

SB 287—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor carriers; amending s. 323.29(1)(a), Florida Statutes; authorizing chartered counties to regulate by resolution motor carriers transporting passengers solely between certain municipalities; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation and Commerce.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 288—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juveniles; amending s. 39.01(12), Florida Statutes; redefining delinquent child to include a child who is a truant; repealing s. 39.01-(10)(i), Florida Statutes, relating to the definition of a dependent child to conform to this act; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Wilson—

SB 289—A bill to be entitled An act providing for the relief of William Menoher; providing an appropriation to compensate him for the disability retirement benefits he would have received under the Florida Retirement System if he had been advised to retire thereunder and he had done so rather than obtaining a refund of contributions; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Special Master and the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Trask—

SB 290—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law; adding s. 316.008(1)(u), Florida Statutes; providing that a local governing authority may enact ordinances and erect signs which control, regulate or prohibit hitchhiking on any street or highway within its boundaries; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Trask—

SB 291—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance and fraternal benefit society agents, solicitors, adjusters, bail bondsmen and runners and insurance vending machines; amending ss. 624.501(5)-(11), 12(a), (b), 648.31(1), 624.505(3), Florida Statutes; providing for biennial licenses; prescribing taxes and fees for such licenses; amending ss. 626.291(5), 626.351(6), 626.361, 626.381(1)-(3), 626.391(1)-(3), 626.401(1)-(3), 626.411(1), (2), 626.421(2), 626.461, 626.501(1), 626.532, Florida Statutes; conforming language and establishing dates; providing for transition to biennial licensing periods; repealing s. 624.503, Florida Statutes, relating to reduced license taxes for a partial year; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Trask (by request)—

SB 292—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Sale of Securities Law; amending s. 517.12(4), Florida Statutes; authorizing the Department of Banking and Finance to adopt a rule defining financial responsibility to include the maintenance by securities dealers of a minimum net capital or ratio between net capital and aggregate indebtedness; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Commerce.

By Senator Trask (by request)—

SB 293—A bill to be entitled An act relating to county depositories; amending ss. 136.02(1)-(3), 136.07, 136.08, Florida Statutes; providing that the clerk of the circuit court of the county replace the Department of Banking and Finance as the agency responsible for maintaining records of collateral provided by county depositories; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Trask (by request)—

SB 294—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; repealing ss. 624.503, 624.508(3), Florida Statutes; eliminating

reduction of license tax for a partial year certificate of authority; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senators Trask and Peterson—

SB 295—A bill to be entitled An act relating to raffles; amending s. 849.093, Florida Statutes; permitting certain non-profit or veterans' organizations to conduct raffles under certain conditions; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator P. Thomas—

SB 296—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the state career service system; adding a new paragraph (e) to subsection (1) of s. 110.022, Florida Statutes, and amending paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of said subsection, eliminating geographical pay differential rates and grandfathering in persons currently receiving such rates; authorizing shift differential pay rates for all state positions which are regularly assigned an evening or night shift; providing for the establishment and maintenance of longevity pay increases for certain persons; providing for a program of uniform cost-of-living increases; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senators P. Thomas and W. D. Childers—

SB 297—A bill to be entitled An act relating to retirement; amending s. 121.021(29), Florida Statutes; providing that any member of the Florida Retirement System may retire with full benefits after 30 years of creditable service; renumbering s. 122.08(9), Florida Statutes, and adding a new subsection to said section; providing that any member of the State and County Officers and Employees Retirement System may retire with full benefits after 30 years of creditable service; adding s. 238.07(18), Florida Statutes; providing that any member of the Teachers' Retirement System of Florida may retire with full benefits after 30 years of creditable service; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator P. Thomas—

SB 298—A bill to be entitled An act relating to larceny of tax moneys; providing that every person who collects any tax imposed on sales, use, or other transactions is subject to the laws and penalties relating to larceny; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator P. Thomas—

SB 299—A bill to be entitled An act relating to libel, slander and invasion of privacy by publication or broadcast; amending ss. 770.01-770.03, Florida Statutes; requiring notice be given before bringing an action for libel, slander or invasion of privacy by publication or broadcast; limiting recovery to actual damages if certain conditions are met; providing for exception to the right of a radio station to require prior submission of a written copy of any statement to be broadcast; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator P. Thomas—

SB 300—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle inspection; adding s. 325.11(13), Florida Statutes; defining motor vehicle; amending s. 325.14(1), Florida Statutes; providing a criminal penalty for any dealer retailing a used motor vehicle without an inspection certificate; amending s. 325.23,

Florida Statutes; providing a criminal penalty for unlawful possession, transferring, or removal of an inspection certificate; amending s. 325.28, Florida Statutes; requiring motor vehicles registered or required to be registered in Florida to display a Florida inspection certificate; amending s. 325.30, Florida Statutes; providing a criminal penalty for issuing an inspection certificate for a noninspected motor vehicle; amending s. 325.31, Florida Statutes; providing an exception to the noncriminal penalty for violating certain provisions relating to motor vehicle inspection; creating s. 325.33, Florida Statutes; providing a criminal penalty for unlawful making, possessing, or transferring of certificates; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senators Lewis, Deeb, Ware, Brantley, Henderson, Trask, MacKay, W. D. Childers, D. Lane, J. Lane, Sims, Tobiassen, Plante, J. Thomas, Gallen, Glisson and Saylor—

SB 301—A bill to be entitled An act relating to collective bargaining; adding s. 447.203(3)(e), (f), Florida Statutes, to except persons employed with the Legislature and persons who are prison inmates from the definition of "public employee"; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Sims—

SB 302—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Natural Resources; creating the Division of Game and Fresh Water Fish within the department; transferring the powers, duties and functions of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission to the department; providing rules of the commission become rules of the department; adding s. 20.25-(2)(f), Florida Statutes, to conform to this act; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Sims—

SJR 303—A joint resolution proposing the repeal of Section 9, Article IV of the State Constitution, which creates the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator J. Thomas—

SM 304—A memorial to the Florida Congressional Delegation, the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, and the President of the United States strongly recommending that financial support be withheld from the United Nations General Assembly until withdrawal of the United Nations resolution which labels Zionism as a form of racial discrimination.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 305—A bill to be entitled An act relating to expenditure of public funds; requiring an organization sponsoring a program partially financed by public funds obtained from a state agency to publicly identify the State of Florida as a sponsor; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Johnston—

SB 306—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; amending s. 102.012(1), Florida Statutes; providing for appointment of election boards by the supervisor of elections; providing that the election board appointed for the first primary election also serve for the second primary election; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 307—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Public Service Regulatory Trust Fund; amending s. 350.0614(1), Florida Statutes; providing that the funding of the office of the public counsel shall be from such trust fund, subject only to the annual appropriation by the Legislature and allocation by the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee; amending s. 350.78(1)-(4), (6), Florida Statutes; providing that the funding of the office of the public counsel shall be from such trust fund; providing that moneys in such trust fund shall also be for the use of the office of the public counsel, subject only to annual appropriations by the Legislature; providing payment for experts who are not full-time employees of the office of the public counsel from such trust fund subject only to the authorization of the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Rules and Calendar and Ways and Means.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 308—A bill to be entitled An act relating to change of name; amending s. 62.031(7), Florida Statutes, and adding a new subsection, to provide that a petition for a change of name shall not be denied on the basis of sex or marital status; amending s. 382.28, Florida Statutes, which requires the Bureau of Vital Statistics to prescribe the form for marriage licenses, to require that such licenses include provisions allowing each person to select, as a legal surname for either or both, and allowing both persons to select, as a legal surname for the children of the marriage, at the time of applying for such license, certain names or combinations of names; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Health and Rehabilitative Services.

By Senators Trask, Stolzenburg, J. Lane and Peterson—

SB 309—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Administration Commission; amending s. 216.262(1)(a), Florida Statutes; allowing the commission to authorize an increase in positions for a state agency to furnish inspection or grading services to comply with a Federal Government contract; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Agriculture, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senators Peterson, J. Lane and Trask—

SB 310—A bill to be entitled An act relating to plant industry; amending ss. 581.031(20), 581.211, Florida Statutes; providing for disposition by the Division of Plant Industry of plants, plant products, or other things likely to carry plant pests moved into Florida from another state, territory, or foreign country; providing for increased penalties for certain violations; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Myers—

SB 311—A bill to be entitled An act relating to confidentiality of information with respect to the rehabilitation of drug dependents; amending s. 397.096, Florida Statutes; prohibiting disclosure in a manner as to identify individuals; removing the prohibition against disclosure in a manner as to identify treatment facilities; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Health and Rehabilitative Services.

By Senator Myers—

SB 312—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the insurance risk apportionment plan; amending s. 627.351(8)(d),

Florida Statutes, extending the professional liability or malpractice coverage of the temporary joint underwriting plan to health maintenance organizations; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Health and Rehabilitative Services.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 313—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending s. 561.12, Florida Statutes, providing that 12 percent of the revenue collected from the excise tax on alcoholic beverages containing between 14 percent and 48 percent of alcohol by weight, except wines, be deposited in the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Trust Fund and that the remainder be paid into the General Revenue Fund; amending s. 565.12(1)(a), Florida Statutes; increasing the excise tax on such alcoholic beverages; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 314—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the State University System; creating s. 240.047, Florida Statutes; authorizing the Board of Regents to adopt a uniform code of appropriate penalties for violation of rules, including violation of standards of conduct for students and employees; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal, Education and Ways and Means.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 315—A bill to be entitled An act relating to county officers; amending s. 218.36(1), (3), Florida Statutes; providing that county officers who collect fees or commissions report to the board of county commissioners within 30 days of the close of the fiscal year; providing that the board report noncompliance to the Governor on the 31st day; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 316—A bill to be entitled An act relating to imprisonment in county jails; creating s. 951.25, Florida Statutes; requiring the Department of Offender Rehabilitation to reimburse a county for expenses incurred in the care of a prisoner assigned by a court to a county jail rather than state prison due to the length of his sentence; requiring the county jail to meet certain health and safety standards of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services; requiring the Department of Offender Rehabilitation to enforce such standards and to certify compliance therewith to the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 317—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Clerks of the Circuit Court; amending s. 28.33, Florida Statutes; providing that each clerk shall estimate the financial needs of the registry of the court and shall invest funds in interest-bearing accounts; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Governmental Operations.

By Senators Holloway and Poston—

SB 318—A bill to be entitled An act revising the numbering system of the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law; renumbering various sections of the law; amending various sections of the Florida Statutes to conform to the new number designations provided herein; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By Senator W. D. Childers—

SB 319—A bill to be entitled An act relating to veterinary medicine; amending s. 474.031(9), (11)(b); adding s. 474.081(14); amending ss. 474.101, 474.141(1)(d), (5), 474.15, 474.17, 474.20(2), 474.32(1), 474.38; creating s. 474.48, Florida Statutes; defining graduate veterinarian; defining preceptor; defining animal technician; redefining the practice of veterinary medicine to include acupuncture; authorizing the Florida State Board of Veterinary Medicine to issue administrative warning letters for violations; providing for confidentiality of licensing examination results prior to notification of examinee; amending existing statutory language to reflect altered name of the national veterinary association; providing for automatic expiration of veterinary faculty certificates upon separation from faculty position at veterinary college; creating two classes of temporary licenses and providing requirements for same; increasing license fee; deleting requirement that the written examination be in English language; conforming disciplinary authority to chapter 120, Florida Statutes; requiring judicial review of board action to be taken in accord with appellate rules; establishing proper venue; providing for annual report of proceedings and finances to the Governor and the Florida Veterinary Medical Association; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Agriculture and Ways and Means.

By Senators Hair and Brantley—

SB 320—A bill to be entitled An act relating to polygraph evidence of arson in civil actions; providing for procurement and admissibility of such evidence; instructing the State Fire Marshal to certify the probable cause of explosions or fires that are suspected to be the result of arson; providing for dismissal of action or striking of the defense for failure to cooperate; providing for costs of examination; prohibiting admissibility of such polygraph evidence in criminal actions; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil, Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senators Lewis, Tobiasen, Plante and Vogt—

SB 321—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; amending s. 236.02(6), Florida Statutes; providing that the minimum financial effort of each school district shall be as prescribed in the general appropriations act; amending s. 236.081(1)(b), (d), (e), (3), (5)(a), (7)(a), Florida Statutes; renaming the base student cost and providing that this value shall be that amount prescribed in the general appropriations act; providing that the assigned weighted full-time equivalent student membership in certain special programs shall not exceed the maximum prescribed in the general appropriations act; renaming the base student cost figure; changing the method of computing the district cost differential; changing the method of computing the district required local effort; deleting obsolete language; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education and Ways and Means.

By Senator D. Lane—

SB 322—A bill to be entitled An act relating to highway construction; amending s. 334.21(5)(a) and (7), Florida Statutes, 1975, providing for designation of planned road construction by numbered priority; providing for review and amendment of the 5-year construction plan of the Department of Transportation by the Legislature; providing for other matters relative to the foregoing; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation, Rules and Calendar and Ways and Means.

By Senator D. Lane—

SB 323—A bill to be entitled An act relating to bridge designation; designating the bridge on State Road 92 in Collier County which spans the Marco River as "The Goodland Bridge;" authorizing and directing the erection of plaques; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By Senators Sayler, Johnston, Lewis, Tobiasen, Scarborough, J. Lane and Sims—

SB 324—A bill to be entitled An act relating to physical fitness; creating the Florida Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness; providing for membership, terms, powers and duties of the commission; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator McClain—

SB 325—A bill to be entitled An act relating to labor standards for state, county, or municipal contracts; amending s. 446.101(3)(a), (4), Florida Statutes; specifying the ratios of apprentices or trainees to journeymen which the contractor must agree to hire; providing for certification of diligent effort to hire the required number of apprentices or trainees for contractors who are unable to hire the required number; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Commerce.

By Senator P. Thomas—

SB 326—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Sunland Recreational Park; providing an appropriation for the partial construction of phase IV of the park; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services and Ways and Means.

By Senators P. Thomas and Dunn—

SB 327—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the engineering Profession; creating the Commission on the Engineering Profession; providing duties of the commission, providing for an official report; providing for officers; providing public meetings; providing expenses of commission members to be paid by the Florida Engineering Society; providing an expiration date; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Commerce.

By Senator P. Thomas—

SB 328—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the retirement system for school teachers; amending s. 238.07(16)(b), Florida Statutes, to increase benefits for certain widows and widowers of school teachers; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education and Ways and Means.

By Senators Peterson and Trask—

SB 329—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Yankee-town-Inglis Special Water and Sewerage District; amending sections 1, 2, 3, and 6, Chapter 73-537, Laws of Florida; confirming election of and term of office of present commissioners; providing for nonpartisan elections of commissioners; providing qualifying procedures; providing for removal of commissioners who fail to attend meetings; providing time of organization; providing that issuance of revenue certificates for construction of a sewerage disposal system be approved by vote of the electors; requiring compliance with state law prior to issuance of ad valorem bonds; providing for a referendum; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Plante—

SB 330—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charitable solicitations; adding subsection (12) to s. 496.11, Florida Statutes, 1974 Supplement, requiring disclosure of certain information during a charitable solicitation; providing a method for

such disclosure; providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Spicola—

SB 331—A bill to be entitled An act relating to boards of tax adjustment; amending ss. 193.116(1), 193.122(1), (2), (4), 193.461(2), 193.507(4), 194.011(3)(b), 194.015, 194.032(1), (3), (5), (7), (8), 194.042(1), 194.181(2), 195.022, 195.027(1), 195.032, 195.096(2), (4), 196.151, 196.193(1)(c), (5), 196.194, 196.195(1), (4), 200.011(2), (6), 200.065(5), Florida Statutes; changing the name of each board of tax adjustment to "property appraisal adjustment board" and conforming all affected sections to this change in nomenclature; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senators Henderson, Winn, J. Lane, J. Thomas, Lewis, Poston, Renick, Peterson, D. Lane and Deeb—

SB 332—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ad valorem taxation; creating s. 193.651, Florida Statutes; providing for the classification of certain equipment as a solar energy system; providing an assessment factor to be used on the increased property value due to the installation of such system; providing procedures for claiming the right of such assessment; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Henderson—

SB 333—A bill to be entitled An act relating to solar energy; directing the Department of Education to plan a pilot program for utilization of solar energy in the public schools; directing the cooperation of the Solar Energy Center and the Department of General Services; providing for a report; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education and Ways and Means.

By Senator Henderson—

SB 334—A bill to be entitled An act relating to parks and recreation; amending s. 125.01(1)(f), Florida Statutes, and adding subsection (3) to s. 592.072, Florida Statutes; exempting veterans who are residents of the state with fifty percent service connected disability from the requirement of paying an admission fee for entry into any state or county park; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senators Henderson, Winn, J. Lane, J. Thomas, Lewis, Poston, Renick, Peterson, D. Lane and Deeb—

SB 335—A bill to be entitled An act relating to solar energy; directing the Florida Solar Energy Center to set standards for solar energy systems manufactured or sold in the state; setting testing fees; establishing a trust fund; requiring disclosure; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Education and Ways and Means.

By Senators Henderson, Winn, J. Lane, J. Thomas, Lewis, Poston, Renick, Peterson, D. Lane and Deeb—

SB 336—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation of solar energy systems; adding s. 212.08(7)(1), Florida Statutes, to provide a sales tax exemption for certain solar energy systems; providing effective and expiration dates.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Henderson—

SB 337—A bill to be entitled An act relating to professional and occupational licenses; amending s. 205.171(1), (2), and

(4), Florida Statutes, expanding the exemption allowed disabled veterans of war with regard to the payment of fees up to \$50 for business or occupational licenses to include professional licenses; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Henderson—

SB 338—A bill to be entitled An act relating to occupational license taxes; amending subsections 205.171(1), (3), (4) and (6), Florida Statutes, relating to the exemption from such taxes for disabled veterans and their unremarried widows, to provide that the exemption shall be applicable to both men and women and the surviving spouse of either; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Henderson—

SB 339—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local occupational license taxes; amending s. 205.171(1), Florida Statutes, including disabled veterans honorably discharged from the United States Air Force or Air Force Reserve and their unremarried widows and provisions exempting disabled veterans and their unremarried widows from the payment of certain occupational license taxes; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Henderson—

SB 340—A bill to be entitled An act relating to veterans; creating s. 295.14, Florida Statutes; providing that the state shall pay a portion of the expense of transporting the body of an indigent veteran who dies in this state for burial in a national cemetery in this state; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senators Henderson, Winn, J. Lane, J. Thomas, Lewis, Poston, Renick, Peterson, D. Lane and Deeb—

SJR 341—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VII of the State Constitution relating to assessment of property for purposes of taxation.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committees on Rules and Calendar and Ways and Means.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 342—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; creating s. 233.0642, Florida Statutes; requiring the public schools to conduct a criminal justice system educational program; providing program requirements; providing for administration; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Education.

By Senators Spicola and Brantley—

SB 343—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ad valorem tax exemptions; creating s. 196.1985, Florida Statutes; providing exemption for property owned and used by labor organizations for certain purposes; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senators Poston, Renick and Holloway—

SB 344—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Monroe County; repealing chapter 72-619, Laws of Florida, as amended, abolishing the Monroe County Waste Collection and Disposal District; transferring all duties and functions of the district to the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County; authorizing the board to vest such duties and functions in the Monroe County Municipal Service District; transferring title to prop-

erty of the district to the county; providing for the assumption of district debts by the county; transferring ordinances and resolutions of the district and validating acts and preserving vested rights; designating the board as successor to the district; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Myers—

SB 345—A bill to be entitled An act relating to campaign financing; repealing s. 106.10, Florida Statutes, relating to limitations on campaign expenditures; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Myers—

SB 346—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical assistance for the needy; amending s. 409.266, Florida Statutes; conforming the statute to the reorganization of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services; authorizing the department to contract with certified health maintenance organizations for provision of medical services; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Health and Rehabilitative Services.

By Senators Saunders and Lewis—

SB 347—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Auditor General; amending s. 11.45(3)(b), Florida Statutes, relating to the authority and procedures for municipal audit; permitting all municipal electors to petition for an audit; requiring the county supervisor of elections to certify signatures on the petition for an audit; requiring the Department of Revenue to withhold specified funds in the event the municipality fails to pay the cost of the audit; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senators Saunders and Lewis—

SB 348—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; amending s. 98.031(1), Florida Statutes, relating to registration and election districts, precincts, and polling places, to require that voter registration books be maintained in a manner such that the number of electors in each municipality may be determined; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senators Gallen and Henderson—

SB 349—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Charlotte and DeSoto Counties; repealing chapter 74-454, Laws of Florida, which creates the Deer Run Improvement District; providing and effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Spicola—

SB 350—A bill to be entitled An act relating to retired justices and judges; amending s. 25.073(1), (2), Florida Statutes; providing for the compensation to be paid to a retired justice or judge when assigned to active judicial service; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator McClain—

SJR 351—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3, Article III of the State Constitution, providing

that the regular session of the legislature held in odd-numbered years be open only for the consideration and passage of a biennial general appropriations act, implementing legislation and finance and taxation legislation, providing emergency powers; providing that the regular sessions of the legislature held in even-numbered years be for the transaction of all other legislative business.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator McClain—

SB 352—A bill to be entitled An act relating to campaign financing; renumbering s. 106.10(4), Florida Statutes, and adding a new subsection to said section; requiring the return of unexpended campaign contributions; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Poston—

SB 353—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Circuit Courts; amending s. 26.031(1)(k), Florida Statutes; providing for eight additional circuit court judgeships in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil, Ways and Means Subcommittee C and Ways and Means.

By Senator Poston—

SB 354—A bill to be entitled An act relating to County Courts; amending s. 34.022(13), Florida Statutes; providing for seven additional county court judgeships in Dade County; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil, Ways and Means Subcommittee C and Ways and Means.

By Senators Peterson, Renick and Tobiassen—

SB 355—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Citrus Code of 1949; amending s. 601.60, Florida Statutes; clarifying the effective term of citrus fruit dealers' licenses; clarifying other language; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Senators Peterson, Renick and Tobiassen—

SB 356—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Citrus Code of 1949; amending s. 601.10(8), Florida Statutes, and adding a new subsection to said section; providing for the Department of Citrus to prepare and disseminate certain information; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Senators Peterson, Renick and Tobiassen—

SB 357—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Citrus Code of 1949; amending s. 601.03(7), Florida Statutes; clarifying the definition of "citrus fruit"; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Senators Peterson, Renick and Tobiassen—

SB 358—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Citrus Code of 1949; amending s. 601.15(5), (6), Florida Statutes; requiring payment of excise taxes to accompany each handler's return; clarifying language by removal of obsolete references regarding use of advertising tax stamps; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Senators Peterson, Renick and Tobiassen—

SB 359—A bill to be entitled An act relating to citrus; amending s. 601.152, Florida Statutes; changing procedures relating to special marketing campaign plans; clarifying existing language; deleting newspaper publication of notice of hearing; providing for publication of notice of hearing in the Florida Administrative Weekly; providing for termination or extension of conduct of campaign; providing for confidentiality of competitive information; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Senators Peterson, Renick and Tobiassen—

SB 360—A bill to be entitled An act relating to citrus; amending s. 601.57(4), Florida Statutes, and adding subsection (5) to said section; clarifying grounds for disapproval of citrus fruit dealer's license application; to create additional grounds for disapproval; clarifying the definition of the term "applicant"; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Senators Peterson, Renick and Tobiassen—

SB 361—A bill to be entitled An act relating to citrus; amending s. 601.59(1), (2), Florida Statutes; providing when citrus fruit dealers' license fees and agents' registration fees are payable; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Ways and Means.

By Senator Peterson—

SB 362—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Pesticide Application Act of 1974; amending s. 487.155, Florida Statutes; providing for certification of applicators of restricted pesticides by October 21, 1977; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Senator Peterson—

SB 363—A bill to be entitled An act relating to destruction of diseased cattle; amending s. 585.10, Florida Statutes; increasing compensation to cattle owners for destruction of diseased cattle upon order of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Ways and Means.

By Senator Peterson—

SB 364—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dealers in agricultural products; adding s. 604.16(4), Florida Statutes; exempting from regulation by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services dealers who purchase less than \$1,000 worth of products from Florida producers in any 1 month; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Senator Poston—

SB 365—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle licenses; amending s. 320.20, Florida Statutes; providing for deposit of certain proceeds of motor vehicle license revenues in the State Transportation Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Dunn—

SB 366—A bill to be entitled An act relating to traveling expenses of public officers, employees, and authorized persons; amending s. 112.061(6)(d), (7)(d), Florida Statutes; increasing subsistence allowance for meals while on Class C travel; in-

creasing mileage allowance whenever travel is by privately owned vehicle; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Poston—

SB 367—A bill to be entitled An act relating to safety equipment inspection of motor vehicles; amending s. 325.11(12), Florida Statutes; providing for designation as a self-inspector; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By Senators Myers and Holloway—

SB 368—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ad valorem taxation; authorizing persons entitled to homestead tax exemption who have been a permanent resident of the state for 5 consecutive years and who are 65 years of age or older to defer payment of a portion of the ad valorem taxes levied on the homestead; prescribing qualifications and procedures for applying for such deferral; prescribing limitations providing for interest on deferred taxes; providing that deferred taxes constitute a lien on the homestead; prescribing procedures for maintaining records of deferred taxes and interest; providing for loans from retirement trust funds to local governing bodies in amount of deferred taxes; providing terms and conditions of such loans; prescribing times and circumstances in which deferred taxes become due and payable and delinquent; specifying conditions under which surviving spouse of owner may continue deferral; authorizing early payment or partial payment of deferred taxes or interest by certain persons; providing for collection of deferred taxes and interest; providing for distribution and deposit of deferred taxes and interest collected; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator MacKay—

SJR 369—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5, Article IV and the addition of a new section to Article XII of the State Constitution, relating to the election of cabinet officers.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 370—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Public Service Commission; amending s. 350.78(3), Florida Statutes, to change the method of payment of the gross revenues fee from annually to semiannually; amending s. 350.781, Florida Statutes, to increase the fee on railroad, express and pullman companies from one-tenth to one-eighth of 1 percent; amending ss. 367.141 and 367.151, Florida Statutes, to increase fees and the gross receipts tax on water and sewer systems; amending s. 323.22(1), Florida Statutes, increasing the fee for motor vehicle identifying devices and permitting their transfer; creating s. 364.44, Florida Statutes, to impose a gross revenue tax of one-eighth of 1 percent on radio common carriers; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senators Deeb and Stolzenburg—

SB 371—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; prescribing method of fixing millage for purposes of ad valorem taxation by counties and other taxing authorities other than school districts; requiring counties, municipalities and taxing districts to reduce millage in proportion to the increase of the general level of assessed valuation of property; authorizing a 10 percent or one-half mill increase in millage, whichever is greater; providing for further millage increases in emergencies; specifying millages to be excluded from the reductions required by this act; providing local taxing authorities the option of maintaining millage necessary to participate in state funding programs; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator J. Thomas—

SB 372—A bill to be entitled An act relating to retirement; providing that any person who retires under the disability provisions of the Florida Retirement System, or any other state retirement system therein consolidated, after 10 years of creditable service and who remains unemployable until age 60 may receive additional benefits; providing for the computation of such additional benefits; authorizing the Division of Retirement to adopt rules; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 373—A bill to be entitled An act relating to employees of the Department of Offender Rehabilitation; authorizing expenditure of appropriated salary funds for annual leave denied under emergency conditions; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 374—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financing public education; authorizing and directing the Department of Education, the Department of Administration, and the Department of Revenue to conduct joint studies to develop methods of financing district school education by means other than ad valorem taxation; declaring state policy to be the implementation of such an alternative; providing for reports; providing legislative intent; providing for cooperation by state agencies; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education and Ways and Means.

By Senator Firestone—

SB 375—A bill to be entitled An act relating to weapons and firearms; adding subsection (14) to s. 790.001, Florida Statutes, defining "electric weapon or device"; amending ss. 790.07, 790.08, 790.10, 790.17, 790.18, 790.22, and 790.23, Florida Statutes, including electric weapons or devices within provisions relating to the following: the unlawful display, use, or attempted use of weapons by persons engaged in certain criminal offenses; the taking possession of and subsequent disposition of weapons by certain law enforcement agencies; the unlawfully improper exhibition of dangerous weapons or firearms; the unlawful furnishing of weapons to minors; the unlawful sale of arms to minors by dealers; the prohibited use of certain weapons and firearms by children under age 16; and the unlawful possession of firearms by convicted felons; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senators Zinkil (by request) and Stolzenburg—

SB 376—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ad valorem taxation; amending s. 200.065(1), Florida Statutes, changing the formula by which the certified millage is calculated by the property appraiser; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator McClain—

SB 377—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public auditoriums; creating s. 256.11, Florida Statutes; requiring publicly supported and controlled auditoriums to display the flag of the United States daily; providing exceptions; requiring the person responsible for the administration of such auditoriums to cause such display; providing a penalty for willful failure to cause such display; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Poston—

SR 378—A resolution urging expeditious improvement of U.S. Highway 27 from State Road 826 in Dade County north to South Bay in Palm Beach County.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Winn—

SB 379—A bill to be entitled An act relating to campaign financing; creating s. 106.085, Florida Statutes; prohibiting Florida Public Service Commission candidates from soliciting or accepting contributions from persons regulated by the commission or from certain persons whose income is dependent upon persons regulated by the commission; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Winn—

SB 380—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charity racing days; requiring the Board of Business Regulation to permit an annual charity racing day for the benefit of adult education programs; creating the "Adult Education Trust Fund"; providing an appropriation to the Department of Education; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Winn—

SB 381—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transporters of household goods; prohibiting a transporter who gives a written estimate from charging an amount in excess of such estimate unless written cause is shown; limiting the amount of such excess to a percentage of the estimate; requiring a transporter who gives a written estimate to include a statement of such prohibition and limitation; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Winn—

SB 382—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Public Service Commission; amending s. 350.01, Florida Statutes; increasing the number of commissioners effective January, 1979; providing for election of commissioners from districts; providing terms of office of commissioners; providing a 2-year term for the commissioner elected to take office in January, 1977; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations, Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator D. Lane—

SB 383—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical malpractice; limiting attorney's fees for any portion of a medical malpractice judgment or settlement in excess of \$100,000; declaring agreements in violation to be void and unenforceable; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Commerce.

By Senator D. Lane—

SB 384—A bill to be entitled An act relating to actions for bodily injury; providing for the separation of certain awards for damages in actions for bodily injury; requiring the defendant to pay certain damages in lump sum and authorizing alternative methods of payment for other damages; providing a procedure for the determination of the amount of payment of awards paid in lump sum or over a period of years; pro-

hibiting any award for damages other than those specified; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Commerce.

By Senator D. Lane—

SM 385—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to study and enact a national health insurance program.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 386—A bill to be entitled An act relating to arson; amending s. 806.01, Florida Statutes, 1975, providing that any person who willfully or maliciously damages any dwelling house by fire or explosive is guilty of arson of the first degree; providing a penalty; providing that any person who commits certain acts with the intent to damage a structure or dwelling house is guilty of arson of the third degree; providing a penalty; defining "damage"; creating s. 806.085, Florida Statutes, prohibiting any person from willfully or maliciously setting fire to trees and other vegetable products of the soil; providing a penalty; amending s. 806.13(1), Florida Statutes, providing that the offense of criminal mischief shall not include the offense of arson; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Winn

SB 387—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the statewide grand jury; amending ss. 905.33(1) and 905.36, Florida Statutes, providing that the Attorney General of the state, or one of his designated assistants, shall serve as legal advisor to statewide grand jury rather than the State Attorney or assistant state attorneys; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senator Sims—

SB 388—A bill to be entitled An act relating to crimes against property; adding s. 812.031(6), (7), Florida Statutes; making a crime of the act of receiving stolen property from a law enforcement officer or from someone acting at the direction of a law enforcement officer; permitting prosecution and conviction for larceny or receiving stolen property, or both, if the two crimes relate to the same property; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senators Vogt and Wilson—

SB 389—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Central Florida Air Fair; designating the Central Florida Air Fair as the official Florida State Air Fair; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Winn—

SB 390—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sale or rental of any dwelling; requiring advertisements to include restrictions on such sale or rental; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senators Poston, Sims, J. Lane, Lewis, Brantley and D. Lane—

SB 391—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regulation of air carriers; repealing s. 330.53, Florida Statutes, which section authorizes the Florida Public Service Commission to disapprove changes in rates, fares, and schedules between

points in this state of persons engaged in air transportation pursuant to certificates issued by the Civil Aeronautics Board; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Poston—

SB 392—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Highway Patrol; adding subsection (6) to s. 321.17, Florida Statutes, authorizing the purchase of prior service for certain members entitled to benefits from the Highway Patrol Pension Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Lewis—

SB 393—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the State Board of Education and the Board of Regents; amending s. 240.031(1), Florida Statutes; authorizing the State Board of Education to exercise certain controls and rule-making powers over the Board of Regents and the State University System; deleting the provision for automatic filing of rules of the Board of Regents; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Senator Zinkil (by request)—

SB 394—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mechanics' liens; amending s. 713.06(3)(d), Florida Statutes, which provides for liens of persons not in privity with the owner of real property; providing that the owner may withhold from a contractor the final payment due under a direct contract for improving the real property until the contractor delivers the required affidavit with respect to liens; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Zinkil (by request)—

SB 395—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal penalties; amending s. 775.087(2), Florida Statutes, 1975, requiring persons convicted of certain felonies involving the use of a firearm or destructive device to serve a minimum sentence of 3 calendar years; prohibiting the application of gain-time or extra good-time allowances prior to serving such sentence; requiring persons convicted of sale, manufacture, possession with intent to sell, or delivery of certain controlled substances to be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 3 calendar years; prohibiting the application of gain-time or extra good-time allowances prior to serving such sentence; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Spicola—

SB 396—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state planning; amending s. 23.0114, Florida Statutes; providing that each comprehensive plan, or part or revision thereof, shall include certain statements by a certain state agency and by the Division of State Planning; amending s. 23.013(2)-(4), Florida Statutes; requiring the Division of State Planning to draft bills; providing that the Legislature may by concurrent resolution adopt the state comprehensive plan as state policy; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Natural Resources and Conservation.

By Senators D. Childers and Johnston—

SB 397—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hospitals and physicians; requiring the Department of Insurance to prescribe standard health claim forms; requiring acceptance of such forms by insurers; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator McClain—

SB 398—A bill to be entitled An act relating to campaign financing; renumbering s. 106.10(4), Florida Statutes, and adding a new subsection to said section; requiring the return of unexpended campaign contributions; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator J. Thomas—

SB 399—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elevators; amending ss. 553.73(1), (2), 553.78(3), Florida Statutes, to incorporate the Elevator Safety Code adopted under chapter 399, Florida Statutes, as a part of the Interim State Building Code and as a part of the State Minimum Building Codes; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 400—A bill to be entitled An act relating to professional soil classifiers; providing definitions; creating the State Board of Professional Soil Classifiers; providing for membership and organization of board; providing powers and duties of board; providing procedures for registration of professional soil classifiers and certification of soil-classifiers-in-training; providing fees; providing for a code of ethics and disciplinary action; providing exemptions; authorizing corporate and partnership practice of professional soil classifying; providing penalties; providing for right of entry; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Agriculture, Governmental Operations, Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 401—A bill to be entitled An act relating to municipal taxation on the purchase of public utility services; amending s. 166.231, Florida Statutes; changing the levy on electricity, metered and bottled gas, water service, and competitive services to a unit purchased base; exempting the first 200 kilowatt hours of each monthly electric purchase for residential use; providing procedures for computing and establishing the change to the unit purchased base; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Trask—

SB 402—A bill to be entitled An act relating to credit; requiring business organizations, financial institutions, or their agents which issue credit cards to provide cardholders with a clear and concise breakdown of monthly charges together with a copy of the signed bill on which the charge is made and with the name of a person to be contacted concerning the cardholder's account; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senators Trask and Tobiassen—

SB 403—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the regulation of real estate transactions; creating ss. 475.481-475.487, Florida Statutes; creating the Florida Real Estate Recovery Fund; providing for administration of the fund; providing for reimbursement from the fund to any person or corporation which suffers monetary damages resulting from certain acts of a licensed real estate salesman or broker; providing a transfer of money from the Florida Real Estate Trust Fund to such fund; increasing the license fee for real estate salesmen and brokers; providing for deposit of the increase in fees to the fund; providing conditions and procedures for recovery from the fund; providing for amounts of recovery; providing for revocation of license of broker or salesman upon payment of claim against such broker or salesman; providing uses for

excess money in such recovery fund; providing for rules and regulations; providing penalty for any person to file a notice, statement, or other document which is false or contains a material misstatement of fact; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Trask—

SB 404—A bill to be entitled An act relating to municipalities; authorizing a municipality to provide or pay for the defense of police personnel in certain civil actions; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Firestone—

SB 405—A bill to be entitled An act relating to battery; amending s. 784.03, Florida Statutes; providing that a battery against a law enforcement officer, fire fighter, or volunteer fireman acting within the performance of his duties is punishable as a felony; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senators Peterson and Lewis—

SB 406—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pollution control; amending s. 403.031(4), Florida Statutes; providing an exemption from the definition of "contaminant"; amending s. 403.121(2)(a), Florida Statutes; exempting certain persons from administrative proceedings to establish liability for pollution damage; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources and Conservation.

By Senator Holloway—

SB 407—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public schools; creating s. 235.195, Florida Statutes; requiring school boards to determine whether school facilities are capable of absorbing additional students; requiring school boards to provide specified information and to participate in zoning, planning, and building processes; empowering local governing bodies to reject development plans where school facilities are not available or planned; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Zinkil—

SB 408—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mental health; amending s. 394.459(1), Florida Statutes; providing that a jail may be used as an emergency facility in criminal cases if secure and appropriate facilities for treatment are not available; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senator Zinkil—

SB 409—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public schools; amending s. 228.165(2) and (5), Florida Statutes; providing that annual reports of school progress be made for each preceding fiscal year; providing for notice of availability of such reports by November 1 and for distribution of copies upon request to parents or guardians of children attending public schools and other interested parties; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Senator Zinkil—

SJR 410—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article III of the State Constitution relating to sessions of the Legislature.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Zinkil—

SB 411—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; adding paragraph (1) to subsection (7) of s. 212.08, Florida Statutes; exempting from the sales and use tax the sale of solar water heaters and other appliances powered by solar energy; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means—

By Senator Firestone—

SB 412—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Parole and Probation Commission; amending s. 947.04(2), Florida Statutes; providing that the commissioners shall reside in Leon County; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Hair (by request)—

SB 413—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Insurers Rehabilitation and Liquidation Act; creating s. 631.397, Florida Statutes; requiring the Department of Insurance, as receiver of an insolvent insurer, to apply for court approval of a proposal to disburse certain marshaled assets of such insurer to the "Florida Insurance Guaranty Association, Incorporated" and to similar associations in other states; specifying minimum contents of such proposals; requiring notice of such application; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Hair—

SB 414—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes; requiring custodians of records of state agencies to make the records available for inspection at local offices upon request; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senators Hair and P. Thomas—

SB 415—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle licenses; amending s. 320.08(11), Florida Statutes, to include franchised and independent marine boat trailer dealers within provisions specifying the annual license tax for dealer tags; providing a definition; amending s. 320.13, Florida Statutes, providing that such dealers may secure dealer tags for boat trailers owned by them when used in connection with the dealer's business and not used for hire; authorizing such dealers who secure regular license tags for boat trailers they own and sell to apply for transfer of dealer tags to comparable trailers upon payment of a transfer fee; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Hair (by request)—

SB 416—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; creating part III of chapter 631, Florida Statutes; providing definitions; requiring certain domestic insurance companies to maintain with a custodian a policyholder security account consisting of cash or marketable securities; requiring that certain foreign or alien insurance companies, in order to transact certain kinds of insurance, maintain with a custodian a policyholder security account, consisting of cash or certain investments, and to provide a lien in favor of the Florida Insurance Guaranty Association; providing that the commissioner, under certain circumstances, accept compliance with the requirements of the state of domicile in lieu of compliance with this act; allowing the amount required to be maintained in the policyholder security account to be reduced by reinsurance cessions assumed by certain insurance companies; providing

for computation of the amount required to be maintained in the policyholder security account; providing for the taking of credit for certain deposits of securities, the valuation of securities, and audits; providing procedure with regard to the existence, correction, and effect of deficiencies in policyholder security accounts; providing for the exchange, substitution, or withdrawal of cash or certain securities under certain circumstances and procedures; prohibiting the creation of certain interests or priorities in the cash, security, or investments maintained in a policyholder security account; providing that the value of the policyholder security account shall be at least certain specified amounts by specified dates; creating s. 631.691, Florida Statutes, providing that the Florida Insurance Guaranty Association shall have a lien on the policyholder security account of an insolvent insurer member; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 417—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the filing of disclosure forms by public officers, candidates for public office, and public employees; amending s. 111.011(2)(b), Florida Statutes; requiring statement of contributions by elected public officers to be filed annually; requiring statement of contributions by elected municipal officers to be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court; amending s. 112.3145(5), Florida Statutes; prescribing period of time in which certain forms must be sent; amending s. 112.3147, Florida Statutes; specifying agencies which are to prescribe certain forms; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Governmental Operations.

By Senator Johnston—

SB 418—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mobile home parks; creating s. 83.715, Florida Statutes, providing for the creation of mobile home park tenants' associations with specified powers and duties; amending s. 83.72, Florida Statutes, broadening the applicability of certain civil remedies to include any violation of part II of chapter 83, Florida Statutes; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Peterson—

SB 419—A bill to be entitled An act relating to county and municipal governments; adding s. 125.01(1)(y), Florida Statutes; creating s. 166.022, Florida Statutes; authorizing counties and municipalities to define and regulate or prohibit business activities which violate community standards of decency and morals; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Peterson—

SB 420—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the State and County Officers and Employees' Retirement System; amending s. 122.07, Florida Statutes; permitting members who were entitled as seasonal state employees to purchase credit for time employed out-of-state, but who failed to do so within the time prescribed, to purchase such credit within a specified time; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Trask—

SJR 421—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3, Article III of the State Constitution, relating to sessions of the legislature.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committees on Ways and Means and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator McClain—

SB 422—A bill to be entitled An act relating to replevin; creating s. 78.068, Florida Statutes, providing for the issuance of a prejudgment writ of replevin upon a certain showing by the petitioner and the posting of a bond; providing that the defendant or petitioner may obtain release of property subject to such writ upon furnishing certain security; requiring such writ to be issued by a circuit or county court judge and permitting a defendant to obtain a dissolution of such writ upon a failure of the petitioner to make a certain showing; amending s. 78.20, Florida Statutes, providing for damages and attorney's fees; repealing s. 78.055(6), Florida Statutes, relating to temporary restraining order; repealing s. 78.069, Florida Statutes, relating to the issuance of a temporary restraining order against a defendant upon a certain showing by the plaintiff; repealing s. 78.073, Florida Statutes, relating to the issuance of writs of replevin upon a showing that the defendant will violate a restraining order; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Renick—

SB 423—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Natural Resources; providing an appropriation to the department for monitoring and analyzing the health and stability of the Florida coral reefs; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Renick—

SB 424—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Natural Resources; providing an appropriation to the department for the completion of the synoptic mapping of the Florida coral reef tract; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Renick—

SB 425—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.091(4)(b), Florida Statutes, relating to disability retirement benefits, to alter provisions relating to the determination of total and permanent disability; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Peterson—

SB 426—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cosmetology; creating ss. 477.011-477.031, Florida Statutes; providing legislative intent; creating the State Board of Cosmetology; providing for appointment of board members; providing qualifications for board membership; providing functions, duties, and powers of the board; providing for administration of the board; providing for employees of the board; providing for expenses of the board; providing for disposition of moneys; providing for records to be kept; providing definitions; providing exemptions; providing qualifications for instructors; providing for registration and licensing of master cosmetologists, cosmetologists, aestheticians, specialists, instructors, and schools; providing qualifications; providing for examinations; providing for renewal of registration; providing for denial, suspension, or revocation of certificates of registration; providing penalties; providing for injunctive relief; providing for legal assistance; providing fees; providing transitory provisions; providing grandfather and savings clauses; repealing existing sections of the Florida Cosmetology Law, ch. 477, Florida Statutes; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Governmental Operations.

By Senator Hair—

SB 427—A bill to be entitled An act relating to used motor vehicles; amending s. 320.27(1)(c), Florida Statutes; providing that "motor vehicle dealer" does not include used motor vehicle dealers licensed and regulated by the State Board of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers; creating the State Board of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers within the Division of Occupations of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; providing for composition; providing terms of office of board members; providing duties of board; providing for licensing of used motor vehicle dealers; providing an exception; providing procedures and requirements; requiring a bond; enumerating prohibited acts; providing for denial, suspension, or revocation of license; providing a fee schedule; authorizing rules and regulations; providing for injunction; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Holloway—

SB 428—A bill to be entitled An act relating to marriage licenses; amending s. 741.04, Florida Statutes; prohibiting the issuance of a marriage license if either party is under 18 without the consent of the parents or guardian of such party; repealing the requirement for posting application on courthouse door; amending s. 741.06, Florida Statutes; providing the county court judge may issue a marriage license to a person under the age of 18 upon sworn application that applicants are parents or expectant parents; prohibiting the issuance of a marriage license if either party is under 16 except pursuant to this section; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senators Peterson and P. Thomas—

SB 429—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state-owned lands; amending s. 253.03(2), Florida Statutes; providing that state lands not required for a specific single use purpose be managed for optimum production through multiple use of timber, recreation, wildlife, forage, and water resources; providing that the Division of Forestry manage state lands for multiple use purposes other than as specified by statute; providing that each state agency managing state lands submit to the board of trustees a land management plan within 1 year of the effective date of this act; providing an advisory council to the board of trustees; providing that each state agency be required to pay 15 percent of gross receipts of lands to counties; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Conservation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Gallen—

SB 430—A bill to be entitled An act relating to legal and official advertisements; amending s. 50.061(2), Florida Statutes; increasing the charges for publication of official public notices or legal advertisements; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Judiciary-Civil and Ways and Means.

By Senator Gallen—

SB 431—A bill to be entitled An act relating to legal and official advertisements; amending s. 50.041(3), Florida Statutes; increasing the charge for proof of publication; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Judiciary-Civil and Ways and Means.

By Senators Poston and Tobiasen—

SB 432—A bill to be entitled An act relating to real estate brokerage; creating s. 475.60, Florida Statutes; adding s. 475.25(1)(j), Florida Statutes; requiring that advance fees accepted for listing or selling vacant land of 10 acres or less be deposited in an escrow account; requiring the broker to provide the owner certain information prior to taking such advance fees; requiring

reports of expenditures of advance fees; requiring records of advance fee arrangements to be made available to the Florida Real Estate Commission; providing for suspension of registration for failure to comply; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senators Sayler, Plante, Vogt and Dunn—

SJR 433—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 9, Article VII of the State Constitution, relating to local taxes, to provide that only those special districts of which the governing body is elective may be authorized to levy ad valorem taxes and to delete the freeholder requirement for electors voting in elections for approval of an ad valorem tax levy.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committees on Rules and Calendar and Ways and Means.

By Senator Poston—

SB 434—A bill to be entitled An act relating to highway safety; amending s. 325.24, Florida Statutes; fixing the fee for a motor vehicle safety equipment inspection; increasing the fee paid by an inspection station for an inspection certificate and providing that a portion of such fee be used for driver education; adding s. 233.063(5), Florida Statutes; providing for monitoring of the Driver Education Program in the secondary schools by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation, Education and Ways and Means.

By Senator Lewis—

SB 435—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school system instructional personnel; amending s. 231.30, Florida Statutes; setting fees for teaching certificates; providing for disposition of fees; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education and Ways and Means.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 436—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services; establishing a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Pinellas County to be administered by the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services and Ways and Means.

By Senator Deeb—

SB 437—A bill to be entitled An act relating to additional racing days; amending s. 550.035(1), (2), and (4), Florida Statutes; providing that, on and after January 1, 1977, additional authorized racing days may be held for the benefit of the state Neonatal Intensive Care Program rather than for the Florida Bicentennial Commission; providing that all profits shall be deposited to the credit of the Neonatal Intensive Care Racing Days Trust Fund, herein created, to be used by the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services as appropriated by the Legislature; deleting reference to Bicentennial Commemoration Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Health and Rehabilitative Services and Ways and Means.

By Senator Spicola—

SB 438—A bill to be entitled An act relating to water management; adding s. 373.083(4), Florida Statutes; amending ss. 298.02(5), 298.07(6), 298.09(3), 298.22(7), 298.26, Florida Statutes; giving the governing boards of water management districts created under chapter 373, Florida Statutes, powers over water-management districts within their boundaries; requiring notice to such governing boards of formation of, or

changes in, water-management districts formed under chapter 298, Florida Statutes; defining powers of the board of supervisors of a water-management district formed under chapter 298, Florida Statutes; requiring that annual reports to the board of supervisors of water-management districts, by the chief engineer, be filed with the appropriate water management district created under chapter 373, Florida Statutes; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Governmental Operations.

By Senator Dunn—

SB 439—A bill to be entitled An act relating to negligence actions; amending s. 768.31(3)(a), Florida Statutes; providing that relative degrees of fault shall be the basis for allocation of liability in determining the pro rata shares for contribution among tortfeasors; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Commerce.

By Senator J. Lane—

SB 440—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state purchase of real property; requiring the Department of General Services to cause real property assessed for ad valorem tax purposes in excess of a specified value to be appraised by two or more qualified appraisers prior to entering into a contract or agreement to purchase such property; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 441—A bill to be entitled An act relating to employment; defining the term "lie detector"; prohibiting persons, firms, corporations, or associations, including state, county, or municipal governmental agencies, from requesting or requiring employees or prospective employees to take lie detector tests as a condition of employment; prohibiting employment agencies or representatives of employers from requiring such a test; providing civil and equitable relief along specified lines to persons who have been injured through violation of this act; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Governmental Operations.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 442—A bill to be entitled An act relating to lobbying; creating s. 11.063, Florida Statutes; requiring lobbyists to register with the Secretary of State; providing for publication of the names of registered lobbyists in the respective legislative journals; providing exceptions; requiring lobbyists to submit reports of lobbying expenditures and certain other information; providing for Commission on Ethics advisory opinions relating to lobbying; requiring the Secretary of State to maintain certain records; providing a penalty; creating s. 11.064, Florida Statutes; specifying powers and duties of the Commission on Ethics relating to lobbyists; requiring the commission to investigate alleged violations of the act and report its findings to the Secretary of State for appropriate disciplinary action; amending s. 11.061(1), (2) and (3), Florida Statutes; requiring lobbyists who are state employees to register with and report to the Secretary of State rather than to the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Rules and Calendar and Ways and Means.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 443—A bill to be entitled An act relating to witnesses; creating s. 90.26, Florida Statutes; providing legislative intent and purpose; providing definitions; providing that the news media shall not be adjudged in contempt by a court, the Legislature, or other body with contempt powers for refusing or failing to disclose any news or the source thereof; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil, Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 444—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; adding s. 627.419(5), Florida Statutes; requiring an insurer to offer an optional rider or endorsement upon request to provide payment for psychological services; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 445—A bill to be entitled An act relating to roads; providing that a designated road including the Rickenbacker Causeway and Crandon Boulevard in Miami, Dade County, should be preserved at its present size and should not be expanded; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 446—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public officers and employees; amending s. 112.075(1)(b), (2), (3)(a), (7)(a), (c) Florida Statutes; including the dependents of state officers and employees within the state group life, health, and accident insurance benefit programs; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 447—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public officers and employees; amending s. 112.08, Florida Statutes, authorizing counties, school boards, and other governmental units to provide group insurance for dependents of public officers and employees; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 448—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public officers and employees; amending s. 112.12, Florida Statutes; authorizing counties, school boards, and other governmental units to pay premiums or charges for group life, accident, hospitalization, or health insurance for dependents of public officers and employees; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator W. D. Childers—

SB 449—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Act; amending s. 520.03(3), Florida Statutes; requiring a retail installment seller of motor vehicles to pay only one license fee per county if more than one location of his business is in the same county; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator J. Lane (by request)—

SB 450—A bill to be entitled An act relating to civil engineering and associated professions; establishing a civil engineering school, teaching clinic, and collectanea at the University of Florida; establishing programs and degrees; requiring governmental agencies to furnish the collectanea copies of documents, building permits, and other data relating to certain plans, facilities, buildings or structures; creating administrative and specialty boards; prescribing powers and duties of boards; providing authority to accept projects and accept grants and other available funds; amending s. 471.21(1), Florida Statutes;

authorizing students in the final year of the doctoral program of the civil engineering school to take the state professional engineer examination for registration; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Poston—

SB 451—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workmen's compensation; amending s. 440.34(1), Florida Statutes; limiting the attorney's fee for successful prosecution of a workmen's compensation claim; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Firestone—

SB 452—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Commerce; establishing an office of the department in New York, New York; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Firestone—

SB 453—A bill to be entitled An act relating to law enforcement; amending s. 901.25, Florida Statutes, authorizing sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, as well as municipal police officers, to make fresh pursuit of a person within certain areas outside their jurisdiction for certain violations; authorizing such law enforcement officers to make lawful arrests anywhere in the state under certain conditions; permitting sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, and municipal police officers to respond to certain requests for assistance in certain other jurisdictions; providing procedures following arrest of a person in another jurisdiction when not in fresh pursuit; providing liability of the employing municipality or county for actions of such officers in the scope of their employment; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Governmental Operations.

By Senators Firestone and Gordon—

SB 454—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Division of Florida Land Sales and Condominiums of the Department of Business Regulation; creating s. 478.062, Florida Statutes; requiring the division to establish an office in southeastern Florida; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Firestone—

SB 455—A bill to be entitled An act relating to condominiums and cooperative apartments; amending s. 711.67, Florida Statutes; requiring a developer to deposit all payments received from the buyer for a condominium or cooperative parcel in an escrow account for the buyer under certain conditions; providing that funds in the amount of 5 percent of the sale price be maintained in escrow until expiration of 6 months after closing; providing that, in lieu of an escrow account, such payments shall be held in a special account by the developer; authorizing the developer to withdraw funds from such special account, to be used for certain purposes only; requiring that a certain legend be printed in bold-faced type larger than the largest type used in the text of the contract; requiring developers, prior to withdrawing funds from the special account, to deliver to the buyer a bond in an amount equal to the amount to be withdrawn; deleting limitation on the vesting in the buyer of certain lien rights; deleting the requirement that a developer must intend to defraud a prospective buyer for the developer to be guilty of embezzlement in certain cases; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Governmental Operations.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 456—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.021(24), Florida Statutes; changing the method for determining average final compensation for purposes of calculating benefits under such system; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Lewis—

SB 457—A bill to be entitled An act relating to water-management districts; amending s. 298.33(3), (4), Florida Statutes; providing for notice and copies of report of commissioners appointed to appraise lands within and without a water-management district and to assess benefits and damages to land by reason of a plan of reclamation; specifying persons and agencies entitled to notice and copy of report; specifying manner of giving notice and copy of report; amending s. 298.55(2), Florida Statutes; deleting provision requiring, in the event of a readjustment of benefits, the limitation of 10 percent of the annual maintenance tax which may be levied to be applied to the amount of benefits as readjusted; authorizing the Department of Environmental Regulation to file a petition for a readjustment of the assessment of benefits under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Conservation.

By Senator Lewis—

SJR 458—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 20, Article V of the State Constitution, relating to municipal courts, to extend the abolition date and to provide an option to continue same in existence.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil, Rules and Calendar and Ways and Means.

By Senator Poston—

SB 459—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the legal profession; creating the Legal Profession Study Commission; providing for membership and duties; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Poston—

SB 460—A bill to be entitled An act relating to traffic offenses; amending s. 39.02(1), Florida Statutes; prescribing complaint to be filed in circuit court when such court exercises jurisdiction over case involving juvenile traffic offense; amending s. 39.11(2)(e), Florida Statutes; providing penalties for juvenile traffic offenses; amending s. 316.026(4), Florida Statutes, and adding a new subsection to said section; providing penalties for traffic offenses designated criminal; suspending license of person failing to appear in court or failing to comply with sentence of court for certain traffic offenses; adding s. 318.17(6)-(12), Florida Statutes, to designate certain traffic offenses criminal; amending s. 318.18, Florida Statutes; increasing penalties for noncriminal traffic infractions; amending s. 318.19(1), Florida Statutes; increasing the amount of property damage necessary to make a hearing mandatory for traffic infractions; amending s. 322.28(2)(e), Florida Statutes; increasing the maximum time period for which certain temporary driver's permits are valid; amending s. 322.282(2), Florida Statutes; removing the time limit for applications for reinstatement of driving privilege; repealing s. 316.040(2), Florida Statutes, which section prohibits driving without a valid license; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senator Peterson—

SB 461—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motorcycle owner's liability insurance; amending s. 324.021, Florida Statutes; specifically including motorcycles in the definition of motor vehicle and defining motorcycle; amending s. 324.

151(1)(a), Florida Statutes; excluding the passenger coverage requirement from the owner's liability insurance policy on a motorcycle for the purpose of proof of financial responsibility; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Peterson—

SB 462—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the registration of charitable organizations; amending ss. 496.021(3), 496.03(1)(f), Florida Statutes; authorizing the Department of State to obtain a complete audit of any organization that applies for a certificate of registration as a charitable organization; deleting the requirement that the registration statement of certain charitable organizations contain a financial statement audited by an independent public accountant; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Peterson—

SB 463—A bill to be entitled An act relating to aquatic plants; amending s. 403.271(4)-(8), Florida Statutes, and adding a new subsection to said section; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to maintain and publicize a list of those species of aquatic plants for which certain permits will not be issued; creates the Aquatic Plant Council; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Governmental Operations.

By Senator Peterson—

SB 464—A bill to be entitled An act relating to securities dealers; amending ss. 517.13-517.15, Florida Statutes; reducing the amount of the surety bond, or the deposit in lieu thereof, from \$50,000 to \$5,000, to be given by dealers in certain securities; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Winn—

SR 465—A Senate Resolution commending the Hialeah-Miami Lakes High School Football Team for its 1975 achievement of the Class AAAA State Football Championship.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Johnston—

SB 466—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child abuse; adding subsection (3) to s. 827.04, Florida Statutes, providing that it is unlawful to cause a minor under 18 years of age to become a delinquent or dependent child or to continue to be a delinquent or dependent child; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Health and Rehabilitative Services.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 467—A bill to be entitled An act relating to district school board tax levies; amending s. 236.25(1), Florida Statutes; clarifying language; deleting provision relating to millage voted under State Constitution; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education and Ways and Means.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 468—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public officers and employees; amending s. 112.061(3)(a), (4)(b), (5), (6)(c), and (12)(a), Florida Statutes, providing that the designated representative of an agency head may authorize tra-

veling expenses under certain circumstances; redefining the term "official headquarters"; eliminating certain provisions relating to Class A and Class B travel; limiting per diem and subsistence allowances when lodging or food are provided at a state institution; eliminating reference to the Department of Banking and Finance with respect to travel authorization forms; providing that travel authorization request forms are necessary only with respect to travel to a convention or a conference; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Scarborough—

SB 469—A bill to be entitled An act relating to billiard parlors; repealing s. 849.06, Florida Statutes, relating to restrictions on minors visiting, frequenting, or playing in billiard parlors; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Commerce.

By Senators W. D. Childers and Brantley—

SB 470—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regulation of the acquisition of voting securities of domestic stock insurers and companies owning a specified percentage of such insurers; amending s. 628.461, Florida Statutes; prescribing prerequisites for making a tender offer or exchange offer, entering into an agreement to, or otherwise seeking to acquire, a specified percentage of the outstanding voting securities of a domestic stock insurer or of a corporation, association, or trust which owns in excess of a specified percentage of the voting securities of one or more domestic stock insurance companies; requiring approval of such acquisitions by the Department of Insurance; providing exceptions; requiring statements to be filed with the department; specifying persons to be furnished copies of such statements; prescribing content of such statement; providing procedure and criteria for approval of such acquisition by the department; providing that any vote of any security acquired in contravention of the act shall be void; providing that any acquisition of any voting security contrary to the act is void; providing for the enforcement in Circuit Court; providing that approval by the department shall not constitute a recommendation by the department of any acquisition; providing penalty for any person to represent that approval by the department constitutes a recommendation; amending s. 48.151, Florida Statutes; providing that any person making or proposing an acquisition regulated by this act, thereby designates the Insurance Commissioner and Treasurer, his assistant, deputy, or other employee as his agent for service of process; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Winn—

SB 471—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electors; amending s. 97.111, Florida Statutes, authorizing persons registered to vote to initiate a change in party affiliation by mail; directing the supervisor of elections to mail forms for making such change; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Winn—

SB 472—A bill to be entitled An act relating to diabetes; creating diabetes centers for education, treatment, and research; providing for administration of the program by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services; providing duties for the centers; creating a Diabetes Advisory Council; providing for its membership; authorizing the diabetes centers to apply for and accept funds, grants, gifts, or services; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Winn—

SB 473—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; creating s. 83.64, Florida

Statutes; providing that repairs by a tenant may be deducted from rent under certain conditions; providing notice requirement; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services and Commerce.

By Senator Winn—

SB 474—A bill to be entitled An act relating to unemployment compensation; amending s. 443.06(1), Florida Statutes; removing provisions relating to disqualification on account of pregnancy; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senators Gordon and Brantley—

SJR 475—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Article I of the State Constitution relating to government in the sunshine.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 476—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public utilities; requiring a monthly accounting and payment of collections of utility receipts representing local government franchise fees or franchise taxes; providing for other matters relative to the foregoing; providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 477—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the State University System; amending s. 240.062, Florida Statutes, and s. 240.052(1), Florida Statutes; providing a procedure for the approval of registration and tuition fees by the Legislature; providing that such fees so approved shall remain in effect until amendments thereto are approved; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education and Ways and Means.

By Senator Firestone—

SM 478—A memorial to the Congress of the United States urging the Congress to enact legislation for the construction of prisons located in different regions of the United States for the incarceration of violent and incorrigible offenders from the several states on a contractual per diem basis.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Gallen—

SB 479—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.051(2)(a), Florida Statutes; providing that all members who elected to transfer to the Florida Retirement System on or before July 1, 1972, shall be subject to the provisions of such system retroactively to November 30, 1970; providing for appropriate contributions; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Spicola—

SB 480—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; amending s. 106.19, Florida Statutes, prohibiting qualification for public office by persons convicted of violation of certain election laws; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Lewis—

SB 481—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Council for the Purchase of Products and Services of the Blind or Other Severely Handicapped; amending s. 413.034(1), Florida Statutes; changing the membership of the council; providing for terms; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Holloway—

SB 482—A bill to be entitled An act relating to jurors; amending s. 40.27, Florida Statutes; providing that any person neglecting to attend as a juror in any court, without sufficient excuse, may be adjudged in contempt of court; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Poston—

SB 483—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle safety inspection stations; adding s. 325.20(3), Florida Statutes; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to specify the number of inspection lanes which inspection stations must maintain; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By Senator Holloway—

SB 484—A bill to be entitled An act relating to jury trials in civil actions; requiring the payment of a fee for the filing of a demand for trial by jury in any civil action; providing that failure to pay such fee constitutes a waiver of trial by jury; providing that such fees be used to aid in the payment of petit jurors and other judicial expenses; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Ways and Means.

By Senator Holloway—

SB 485—A bill to be entitled An act relating to per diem and travel expenses; amending s. 112.061(6)(b), Florida Statutes; providing that retired justices and judges may receive actual expenses for lodging and meals while assigned outside of their residences; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator W. D. Childers—

SB 486—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financial responsibility; amending s. 324.021(7), Florida Statutes; decreasing minimum limits for proof of financial responsibility; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator W. D. Childers—

SB 487—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Sanitarians' Registration Act; amending s. 491.02(1), (6) and (7), Florida Statutes; providing definitions; amending s. 491.03(4), Florida Statutes; increasing the daily payment to members of the Sanitarians' registration board attending board meetings; amending s. 491.04(1), (3), Florida Statutes; authorizing the board to adopt rules; providing for reports; amending s. 491.05, Florida Statutes; providing for the location of the headquarters of the board; amending s. 491.06(1), (4), Florida Statutes; providing qualifications for registration; amending s. 491.08, Florida Statutes; providing for a maximum application fee; amending s. 491.09, Florida Statutes; providing for examinations of applicants; amending s. 491.10, Florida Statutes; providing for certificates of registration for governmental agencies; amending s. 491.11, Florida Statutes; providing for renewal of certificate, restoration of expired certificate, and fees; requiring continued professional education; amending s. 491.12, Florida Statutes; providing grounds for refusal, revocation, or suspen-

sion of certificate of registration; amending s. 491.14, Florida Statutes; prohibiting false claim of registration; amending s. 491.16, Florida Statutes; providing for disposition of fees; amending s. 491.18, Florida Statutes; providing for policy of endorsement of out-of-state sanitarians; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Health and Rehabilitative Services and Ways and Means.

By Senator D. Childers—

SB 488—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Palm Beach County; directing the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County to compensate William P. Wallace for medical and other expenses incurred as the result of an injury caused through the negligent operation of the drawspan of the Lantana Bridge Over Intracoastal in Lantana, Palm Beach County; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Special Master and the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Hair—

SB 489—A bill to be entitled An act relating to distribution of motor fuel taxes; amending s. 206.60(2)(a), Florida Statutes; changing distribution of seventh cent gas tax; providing distribution based on gallons sold and population; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Poston—

SB 490—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle safety equipment inspection; amending ss. 325.24(1), 325.27, Florida Statutes; clarifying language; deleting an obsolete provision; prescribing the purposes for which fees collected by county-operated inspection stations may be used; requiring plans for county-operated inspection stations or improvements to be approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By Senator Poston—

SB 491—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the licensure of physicians; adding subsection (6) to s. 458.05, Florida Statutes, 1975, creating the Fifth Pathway Program for the licensure of physicians to be administered by the Department of Education; providing a definition; requiring state medical schools to comply with the act and directing medical schools which receive state aid to comply or lose such aid; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services, Education and Ways and Means.

By Senator Scarborough—

SB 492—A bill to be entitled An act relating to voluntary contraceptive sterilization; creating s. 381.383, Florida Statutes; providing for the voluntary sterilization of specified consenting persons; limiting liability of physicians to liability by reason of negligence; excluding therapeutic sterilization operations from the operation of the act; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senators Hair and Brantley—

SB 493—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust companies; creating ss. 660.011, 660.012, Florida Statutes; authorizing any trust company to employ any other trust company to perform any of its duties; authorizing any trust company to petition the Circuit Court for a transfer of any of its fidu-

ciary relationships to another trust company; providing a procedure for such petition and transfer; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Judiciary-Civil.

By Senators Hair and Brantley—

SB 494—A bill to be entitled An act relating to banks and trust companies; amending s. 659.061(2), (6), Florida Statutes; requiring a trust company to secure the consent of a majority of its board of directors to establish a trust service office at a bank; authorizing a bank which exercises trust powers to retain and continue to exercise such powers subsequent to the establishment of a trust service office at such bank; providing a savings clause; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Henderson—

SB 495—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicles; adding subsection (27) to s. 320.01, Florida Statutes; defining the term "golf car" or "golf cart"; creating s. 320.515, Florida Statutes; exempting golf carts from certain provisions of law with respect to motor vehicles and traffic control; providing certain limitations upon such exemption; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Transportation and Commerce.

By Senator Peterson—

SB 496—A bill to be entitled An act relating to commerce; repealing part III of chapter 450, Florida Statutes, the Florida Farm Labor Registration Law; authorizing the Department of Commerce to administer the Federal Farm Labor Contractor Registration Act; providing for unexpended funds; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Ways and Means.

By Senator Henderson—

SB 497—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Medical Practice Act; adding paragraph (1) to subsection (2) of s. 458.13, Florida Statutes; exempting the giving of nutritional advice or information in connection with, or separate from, the sale of food or dietary supplement products from provisions regulating the practice of medicine; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services and Commerce.

By Senator Henderson—

SB 498—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art; amending s. 265.27, Florida Statutes; specifying additional places where museum paintings and objects of art may be temporarily loaned for exhibit; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Spicola (by request)—

SB 499—A bill to be entitled An act relating to labor organizations; amending s. 447.02(1), Florida Statutes, and adding a subsection to said section; defining "division" as the Division of Labor of the Department of Commerce; amending s. 447.04(2), (4), Florida Statutes, and adding a subsection to said section; providing an expiration date for licenses and permits and grounds for denial, suspension or revocation; creating s. 447.045, Florida Statutes; providing that certain investigatory information be confidential; amending s. 447.06(1), Florida Statutes; providing that the required annual reports be filed under oath by a specified date; amending s. 447.10, Florida Statutes; providing for administrative hearings; amending s. 447.12, Florida Statutes, conforming language and

deleting references to the Division of General Regulation of the Department of Business Regulation; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Commerce.

By Senator Spicola (by request)—

SB 500—A bill to be entitled An act relating to apprenticeship; creating s. 446.075, Florida Statutes; authorizing the Division of Labor of the Department of Commerce to enter into contracts with the United States Department of Labor to act as registration agent for federal apprenticeship registration purposes; prohibiting the enforcement of any federal apprenticeship requirement prior to adoption by the division; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Commerce.

By Senator Spicola—

SB 501—A bill to be entitled An act relating to acquisition of land by state agencies; requiring a state agency to have two appraisals of real property it seeks to purchase; prohibiting a state agency from entering an agreement to purchase real property appraised at more than \$50,000 prior to the seller's statement disclosing certain facts relating to the property; amending ss. 375.031(1) and 380.08(2), Florida Statutes; changing the agencies with which the seller's statement shall be filed and the period covered by the seller's statement; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator Peterson—

SB 502—A bill to be entitled An act relating to forest protection; amending s. 590.12, Florida Statutes; prohibiting any person from setting fire to certain types of vegetation on land owned or controlled by such person without first obtaining authorization from the Division of Forestry; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 503—A bill to be entitled An act relating to family planning; amending s. 381.382(3), (5), Florida Statutes; including pharmacies and clinics among institutions prohibited from interfering with rights of patients or physicians with respect to medically acceptable contraceptive procedures; permitting broader dissemination of maternal health and contraceptive information and services to all persons of childbearing age; providing for consent of minors; adding s. 381.411(5), Florida Statutes; providing a penalty for coercing or attempting to coerce a minor or incompetent person into receiving such medical or surgical care or services; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services, Judiciary-Civil and Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Henderson—

SCR 504—A concurrent resolution commending Bennett Andrew Rock.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Scarborough—

SB 505—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle licenses; amending s. 320.13(1), Florida Statutes; providing for use of dealer tags on motor vehicles while in inventory and for sale; correcting a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Peterson—

SB 506—A bill to be entitled An act relating to traveling expenses of public employees; adding s. 112.061(3)(e), Florida Statutes, to authorize direct payment of actual expenses for meals and lodging to the vendor under certain circumstances; providing a limitation; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator J. Lane—

SB 507—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Income Tax Code; amending s. 220.13(1)(b), Florida Statutes; providing that for purposes of arriving at "adjusted federal income" under the Florida Income Tax Code, certain losses shall never be carried back as a deduction to a prior taxable year; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator Sims—

SB 508—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sentencing; creating s. 921.165, Florida Statutes; requiring repeat felony offenders to be sentenced to a term of imprisonment; amending s. 948.01(1), Florida Statutes, to conform to this act; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means.

By Senator Dunn—

SB 509—A bill to be entitled An act relating to bail; amending s. 903.132, Florida Statutes; providing that a court may grant bail pending appeal to a person convicted of a felony only upon a written order finding a good faith appeal; prohibiting such granting of bail if the convicted felon has a previous conviction or other felony charges pending; providing for direct appeal as a matter of right from any such denial of bail pending appeal; requiring advancement of such appeal on the appellate court's calendar; repealing Rules 3.130(a) and 3.691(a), Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure, insofar as these rules relate to post-trial release of persons convicted of a crime; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Dunn—

SJR 510—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 11, Article V of the State Constitution, relating to the filling of vacancies in judicial office, to authorize senate confirmation of appointments.

—was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Henderson—

SB 511—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Charlotte County; prohibiting the use of trawl nets exceeding 25 feet in length for the taking of shrimp in Charlotte Harbor and certain inland areas of Charlotte County; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Johnston—

SB 512—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tax administration; amending s. 193.122(1), Florida Statutes, providing a presumption of correctness with respect to changes made by the board of tax adjustment in the property appraiser's rolls; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

By Senator D. Lane—

SB 513—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical treatment; providing for termination of sustaining treatment of a terminally ill or injured patient in certain circumstances; providing immunity for physicians, medical institutions, and certain employees of such institutions from civil and criminal liability under certain circumstances; exempting persons complying with this act from the provisions of s. 782.08, Florida Statutes; providing for revocation of a document authorizing the termination of sustaining medical treatment; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil, Judiciary-Criminal and Health and Rehabilitative Services.

By Senator Zinkil (by request)—

SB 514—A bill to be entitled An act relating to traffic control signals; amending s. 316.131(3), Florida Statutes, to allow signals purchased prior to January 1, 1972, which do not comply with the uniform system of traffic control devices, to be used until January 1, 1980; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By Senator Vogt—

SB 515—A bill to be entitled An act relating to jurors; amending ss. 40.231, 40.24, Florida Statutes; authorizing jurors placed in jury pools to elect to be on call; denying compensation to jurors on call unless required to attend court; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Civil.

By Senator Poston—

SB 516—A bill to be entitled An act relating to building security; creating part VII of chapter 553, Florida Statutes, consisting of ss. 553.90-553.94, Florida Statutes, the "Florida Building Security Act of 1976"; providing definitions; providing burglar proofing standards with respect to materials used in the construction of buildings in the state; providing general building security and safety requirements for buildings constructed after July 1, 1976; providing a building classification plan and requirements; with respect to burglary security and fire detection relative to building occupancy; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Governmental Operations.

By Senator Hair—

SB 517—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Legislature; creating a joint committee; directing the committee to study the effect of the Governmental Reorganization Act of 1969, and to study laws which have a financial impact on county or municipal government; providing for public hearings; providing for a report to the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Spicola (by request)—

SB 518—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regulation of oysters; adding s. 370.16(16)(h), (i), Florida Statutes; prohibiting the bagging or placing in containers of oysters except at certain establishments; prescribing identification required on each shellstock container; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Commerce.

By Senator W. D. Childers—

SB 519—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regulation of oil and gas resources; amending s. 377.21(2), Florida Statutes; authorizing the Division of Resource Management

of the Department of Natural Resources to examine, survey, check, test and gauge certain equipment, plants, and facilities used for storage, treatment, or transportation of oil or gas and products derived therefrom; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator W. D. Childers—

SB 520—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Income Tax Code; amending s. 220.34(2)(d), Florida Statutes; authorizing taxpayers to annualize taxable income to determine the requirement for making an individual installment of estimated income tax; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator W. D. Childers—

SB 521—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state lands; amending s. 253.111(1), Florida Statutes; authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, under certain circumstances and upon request of the Department of Natural Resources, to convey land to a private entity without offering the land to the county wherein the land is situated; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Governmental Operations.

By Senator W. D. Childers—

SB 522—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; amending s. 253.03(7), Florida Statutes; providing that the Board of Trustees may adopt rules and regulations and charge fees necessary to carry out its responsibilities and duties; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator W. D. Childers—

SB 523—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the taking, sale, possession, or transportation of saltwater fish or other saltwater products; amending s. 370.061(1), Florida Statutes; providing that in cases of arrest and conviction for illegal taking, attempted taking, sale, possession, or transportation of saltwater fish or other saltwater products, seizure and forfeiture of products and property used shall be permissive rather than mandatory; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Commerce.

By Senator W. D. Childers—

SB 524—A bill to be entitled An act relating to gill nets; amending s. 370.08(7), Florida Statutes; providing that gill nets may be gathered or taken in or taken up by power on the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico or the Atlantic Ocean; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senators W. D. Childers and Brantley—

SB 525—A bill to be entitled An act relating to damages; requiring the itemization of verdicts in actions for recovery of damages based on personal injury; providing maximum limitation on amounts that may be awarded for general damages; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator W. D. Childers—

SB 526—A bill to be entitled An act relating to crawfish and stone crabs; amending s. 370.141(1)-(3), Florida Statutes;

providing for discretionary acceptance of overdue dealers' reports; providing for discretionary seizure of frozen stock; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator Gallen—

SB 527—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.052, Florida Statutes, to provide that the employer pay the entire contribution with respect to each justice or judge who is a member of the Elected State Officers' Class; giving a justice or judge who is not a member of such class the right, for a limited period, to transfer to such class; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator W. D. Childers—

SB 528—A bill to be entitled An act relating to oil and gas resources; amending s. 377.37(1), Florida Statutes; increasing the civil penalty for certain violations of law or administrative rules regulating such resources; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senator W. D. Childers—

SB 529—A bill to be entitled An act relating to beach and shore preservation; amending s. 161.053(4), Florida Statutes; revising the penalty for violations of coastal construction and excavation regulations; amending s. 161.121, Florida Statutes; revising the penalty for violations of part I of the Beach and Shore Preservation Act; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Conservation.

By Senator Myers—

SB 530—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the State and County Officers and Employees' Retirement System; amending s. 122.02(2), Florida Statutes; redefining the term "average final compensation" for such system; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senators J. Lane and McClain—

SB 531—A bill to be entitled An act relating to industrial development financing; amending s. 159.26, Florida Statutes; providing for a change in the legislative findings and purposes; amending s. 159.27(4), Florida Statutes; defining "local agency" to mean any county; amending s. 159.47(5)-(9), Florida Statutes; requiring the approval of a local agency for the issuance of revenue bonds by an industrial development authority; creating s. 159.54, Florida Statutes; requiring a report by any county issuing industrial development revenue bonds; prohibiting certain special laws; providing a savings clause; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations, Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator J. Lane—

SB 532—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the excise tax on documents; amending s. 201.17(2)(b), Florida Statutes, and adding subsections (3) and (4) to said section; prescribing penalties for persons liable for payment of such tax when, upon audit or at time of recordation, a document, instrument or paper fails to bear the proper value of stamps; requiring payment of interest on delinquent taxes; authorizing the Department of Revenue to extend the deadline for payment of such taxes and to compromise penalties; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator J. Thomas—

SB 533—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state-administered retirement systems; amending s. 121.101(5), Florida Statutes; increasing the maximum annual cost-of-living adjustment; requiring employer contributions to finance the increase; establishing a special trust fund for deposit of such contributions; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

By Senator J. Thomas—

SB 534—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Miss Alice Murray; compensating her for injuries and losses sustained when she was attacked by rioters; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Special Master and the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senators Holloway, Scarborough and Poston—

SB 535—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the district courts of appeal; amending s. 35.06, Florida Statutes; providing for additional judges for the district courts of appeal; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil, Ways and Means Subcommittee C and Ways and Means.

By Senator J. Lane—

SB 536—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juveniles; creating s. 39.125, Florida Statutes; authorizing news disseminating agencies to publish the name of any juvenile in connection with a violation of law provided that such juvenile had been previously adjudicated guilty of a felony or misdemeanor offense; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal.

By Senator Spicola (by request)—

SB 537—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the excise tax on the production or severance of oil or gas; amending s. 211.02(1), Florida Statutes; increasing the rate of such tax on the gross value of the oil or gas at the point of production; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 538—A bill to be entitled An act relating to collective bargaining by public employees in institutions of higher education; adding s. 447.203(17), Florida Statutes; defining "student representative"; amending s. 447.301(3), Florida Statutes, and adding a new subsection to said section; providing for participation by student representatives in collective bargaining negotiations; denying student representatives voting or veto power in such negotiations; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Education and Governmental Operations.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 539—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Beverage Law; amending s. 563.02(1), Florida Statutes; providing a different schedule of license fees for vendors of malt beverages; amending s. 564.02(1), Florida Statutes; providing a different schedule of license fees for vendors of beverages containing alcohol of more than 1 percent by weight and not more than 14 percent by weight, and wines; amending s. 565.02(1), Florida Statutes; providing a different schedule of license fees for vendors who are permitted to sell any alcoholic beverages; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 540—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fishing and hunting licenses; amending s. 372.57(3), (7), Florida Statutes, to change the fees for fishing and hunting licenses; repealing s. 372.57(2), (8), (9), Florida Statutes, relating to fees for temporary fishing licenses for nonresidents and for hunting licenses for county of residence and for county other than county of residence; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Ways and Means.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 541—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the manufacture, distribution, and use of explosives; amending s. 552.091(1), Florida Statutes; increasing the license fee for users of explosives from \$1 to \$5; increasing the permit fee for blasters from \$1 to \$5; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 542—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Beverage Law; amending s. 561.32, Florida Statutes; prescribing the transfer fee for alcoholic beverage licenses; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 543—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dog and horse racing and jai alai; amending s. 550.10(1), Florida Statutes, and adding subsection (5) to said section; revising the schedule of occupational license taxes payable by persons connected with race tracks; imposing an annual license tax on holders of permits to conduct racing or jai alai; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 544—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Beverage Law; adding s. 561.14(5), Florida Statutes; providing for an importer's license; defining importers; providing restrictions; providing for reports; adding s. 565.03(4), Florida Statutes; prescribing an annual license tax for importers; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 545—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cigarettes; amending s. 210.15(1)(f), Florida Statutes, to increase the renewal permit fee for a cigarette wholesale dealer or exporter; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 546—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the beverage law; creating s. 561.145, Florida Statutes; requiring that liquor salesmen be licensed; providing for suspension and revocation of such licenses; prescribing a license fee; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator MacKay—

SB 547—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the sales and use tax; amending ss. 212.04(4) and 212.18(3), Florida

Statutes; providing for an increase in the fee for registering a place of business; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Senator Spicola (by request)—

SB 548—A bill to be entitled An act relating to eminent domain; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to acquire by eminent domain certain designated lands, water areas, and related resources; providing expiration date for authority to make such acquisitions; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Spicola—

SB 549—A bill to be entitled An act relating to coastal zone management; creating a study committee on coastal zone management to prepare a legislative program for the 1977 regular session of the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Conservation and Ways and Means.

By Senator Gordon—

SB 550—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pari-mutuel wagering; amending s. 550.12(2)(b), Florida Statutes, relating to uniform reporting of financial data by permitholders; providing that required appraisals of the business and properties of permittees may be prepared by a member of any nationally recognized testing/certifying professional society; providing for reports by new permittees; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Senators P. Thomas and Peterson—

SB 551—A bill to be entitled An act relating to livestock; creating s. 534.495, Florida Statutes; providing that a livestock market has a lien on any livestock sold by it for the purchase price of such livestock; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Judiciary-Civil and Commerce.

By Senator J. Lane—

SB 552—A bill to be entitled An act relating to milk and milk products; amending s. 381.071, Florida Statutes; clarifying the regulatory authority of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services; amending s. 502.055, Florida Statutes; assigning jurisdiction and responsibility for inspections of dairy farms and milk plants; amending s. 502.171, Florida Statutes; providing for enforcement; amending s. 502.211(1), Florida Statutes; providing for administration and enforcement; amending s. 502.232, Florida Statutes; providing for superseding of all conflicting municipal and county laws; providing an effective date.

—was read the first time by title and referred to the Committees on Agriculture, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Brantley, the Senate recessed at 12:40 p.m. to reconvene at 3:00 p.m. this day.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate was called to order by the President at 3:00 p.m. A quorum present—40:

Mr. President	Deeb	Glisson	Henderson
Brantley	Dunn	Gordon	Holloway
Childers, D.	Firestone	Graham	Johnston
Childers, W. D.	Gallen	Hair	Lane, D.

Lane, J.	Plante	Sims	Trask
Lewis	Poston	Spicola	Vogt
MacKay	Renick	Stolzenburg	Ware
McClain	Saunders	Thomas, J.	Wilson
Myers	Sayler	Thomas, P.	Winn
Peterson	Scarborough	Tobiassen	Zinkil

Officials of Springtime Tallahassee, Inc., were escorted into the Chamber by the Sergeant at Arms. The President invited Dr. Earle Frye, President of Springtime Tallahassee, Inc., and Mrs. Frye, General Chairman, to the rostrum and presented them to the Senate. Mrs. Frye welcomed the members of the Senate to Tallahassee and introduced Miss Springtime Kathy Lewis and two members of her court, Dawn McDonald and Valarie Stone, who were accompanied by Jesse Warren representing Andrew Jackson.

The President invited Mr. Sanford H. Stiles of the St. Petersburg Times and Senator Kenneth H. MacKay, Jr., to come to the rostrum.

Following brief remarks by Mr. Stiles, the President, on behalf of the St. Petersburg Times and those legislative correspondents and newspaper editors who participated in the poll, presented Senator MacKay with a plaque symbolizing his selection as the "Most Valuable Member" of the 1975 Senate.

Membership of the standing committees and standing subcommittees as revised since the 1975 regular session:

AGRICULTURE

Senator Peterson, Chairman; Senator Lane, J., Vice Chairman; Senators Graham, Lewis, Renick, Stolzenburg, Tobiassen and Trask.

COMMERCE

Senator Childers, W. D., Chairman; Senator Winn, Vice Chairman; Senators Brantley, Gallen, Henderson, Plante, Thomas, P., Trask and Ware.

EDUCATION

Senator Lewis, Chairman; Senator Graham, Vice Chairman; Senators MacKay, Peterson, Plante, Sayler, Tobiassen, and Vogt.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Senator Myers, Chairman; Senator Zinkil, Vice Chairman; Senators Deeb, Dunn, Firestone, Hair, Johnston, Plante, Sayler, Thomas, P. and Wilson.

HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

Senator Graham, Chairman; Senator Vogt, Vice Chairman; Senators Childers, D., Glisson, Gordon, Lane, D., MacKay, Sims and Thomas, J.

JUDICIARY-CIVIL

Senator Gallen, Chairman; Senator Scarborough, Vice Chairman; Senators Childers, D., McClain, Ware and Wilson.

JUDICIARY-CRIMINAL

Senator Scarborough, Chairman; Senator Dunn, Vice Chairman; Senators Deeb, Firestone, Hair, MacKay, McClain and Spicola.

NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Senator Spicola, Chairman; Senator Renick, Vice Chairman; Senators Childers, W. D., Deeb, Henderson, Johnston, Lane, J., Thomas, J. and Winn.

RULES AND CALENDAR

Senator Brantley, Chairman; Senator Lewis, Vice Chairman; Senators Childers, W. D., Firestone, Gallen, Gordon,

Graham, Henderson, Lane, D., McClain, Myers, Peterson, Plante, Poston, Saunders, Scarborough, Spicola, Trask and Ware.

TRANSPORTATION

Senator Poston, Chairman; Senator Sims, Vice Chairman; Senators Glisson, Hair, Holloway, Lane, D., Stolzenburg and Zinkil.

WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Gordon, Chairman; Senator Lane, J., Vice Chairman; Senators Childers, W.D., Graham, Hair, Holloway, Lane, D., Lewis, MacKay, Myers, Peterson, Plante, Poston, Saunders, Spicola, Thomas, J., Thomas, P., Tobiassen and Vogt.

Subcommittee A: Senator Childers, W. D., Chairman; Senators Holloway, Lane, D., Poston and Thomas, P.

Subcommittee B: Senator Graham, Chairman; Senators Lewis, MacKay, Peterson, Spicola and Tobiassen.

Subcommittee C: Senator Plante, Chairman; Senators Hair, Lane, J., Myers, Saunders, Thomas, J. and Vogt.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Honorable Dempsey J. Barron
President of the Senate

Sir:

Your Committee on Rules and Calendar respectfully recommends revisions of Senate Rules 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.10, 2.15, 2.19, 3.1, 3.3, 3.12, 4.8 and 7.8 attached hereto and by reference made a part of this report.

The vote of the committee was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Lew Brantley

The last paragraph of Rule 2.1 is amended to read:

2.1—Standing committees; standing subcommittees (last paragraph)

Each standing committee or the chairman thereof may appoint, from time to time, a select subcommittee to study or investigate a specific matter falling within the jurisdiction of the standing committee or to consider a bill referred to it. The President of the Senate shall be promptly notified of the appointment of select subcommittees, their assignment, the time allowed for the assignment, and shall be notified upon completion of the assignment. Select subcommittees shall be regulated by the Senate Rules of Procedure regulating standing subcommittees, except that select subcommittees shall be in existence for only that time necessary to complete their assignments and report to their standing committees. The advisory reports by select subcommittees whether favorable or unfavorable shall be reviewed by the standing committee and accepted, amended or rejected by majority vote.

Rule 2.2—Powers and responsibilities of committees, is amended to read:

2.2—Powers and responsibilities of committees

Permanent standing committees and standing subcommittees are authorized: (a) to maintain a continuous review of the work of the state agencies concerned with their subject areas and the performance of the functions of government within each subject area. The standing committee or standing subcommittee is authorized to invite public officials and employees and private individuals to appear before the standing committee or standing subcommittee for the purpose of submitting information and may require reports from departments performing functions reasonably related to the committee jurisdiction.

(b) In order to carry out its duties, each standing committee or standing subcommittee is empowered with the reasonable right and authority to inspect and investigate the books, records, papers, documents, data, operation and physical plant of any public agency in this state.

(c) In order to carry out the committee's duties, the chairman of each standing committee, standing subcommittee and select committee may request of the President the issuance of subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum and other necessary process to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any books, letters, or other documentary evidence required by such committee. The President may issue said process at the request of the committee chairman. Any member of such standing committee, standing subcommittee or select committee may administer all oaths and affirmations, in the manner prescribed by law, to witnesses who shall appear before such committee for the purpose of testifying in any matter about which such committee may require evidence.

Rule 2.3—Committee reports prior to session, is amended to read:

2.3—Committee reports prior to session

Prior to the convening of each regular session of the legislature, each standing committee shall prepare a report of its findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, and file same with the President of the Senate and the Secretary of the Senate.

Prior to the convening of each regular session of the legislature, each standing subcommittee shall prepare a report of its findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, and submit same to the chairman of the standing committee for consideration by such committee.

Within thirty (30) days following sine die adjournment of a regular session, each standing committee shall prepare a report on the public business assigned to it since the regular session of the preceding year and submit same to the President.

Rule 2.5—Committee utilization of federal funds, is amended to read:

2.5—Committee utilization of federal funds

No committee shall make application for or utilize federal funds, personnel, services, or facilities unless approval by the Committee on Rules and Calendar is first obtained.

Rule 2.10—When, where committees meet, is amended to read:

2.10—When, where committees meet

Each committee or subcommittee, standing or select, shall meet in the place and within the time assigned for its use by the Committee on Rules and Calendar and notice of such assignment shall be posted by the Sergeant at Arms on a bulletin board provided for this purpose in the public corridor leading into the Senate Chamber. The committee chairman may arrange with the Committee on Rules and Calendar and the Sergeant at Arms for evening or other special meetings. No committee except the Committee on Rules and Calendar shall meet while the Senate is in session without the consent of the Senate.

Rule 2.15—Standing committee duties in deliberation, fourth paragraph, is amended to read:

2.15—Standing committee duties in deliberation (fourth paragraph)

A standing committee, in reporting a Senate measure, may draft a new measure embracing the same general subject matter, to be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that the substitute be considered in lieu of the original measure (or measures). A senate committee may not recommend a Senate committee substitute for a House bill. The substitute measure must be accompanied by the original measure (or measures) referred to the committee and returned to the Secretary in the same manner as the favorable reporting of any other measure. No other standing committee of reference shall consider the original measure (or measures) but shall direct its attention to the substitute measure. A committee receiving a committee substitute from a prior committee of reference may also report a committee substitute and shall not be precluded from doing so with the substance of the bill (or bills) as originally introduced. When the original measure is reached upon the calendar, the substitute shall be read a first time by title, the original proposition shall be automatically tabled, and the substitute considered in lieu thereof without motion. The

substitute shall carry the identifying number (or numbers) of the original and shall be returned to the Secretary in the same number of copies required for first introduction of a similar measure. The introducer of the original measure (or measures) shall be shown by the committee secretary on the committee substitute unless the said introducer requests that his name be omitted. A committee substitute may be co-sponsored by any Senator whose signature is affixed to the original thereof.

Rule 2.19—Conference committee in deliberation, second paragraph, is amended to read:

2.19—Conference committee in deliberation (second paragraph)

A conference committee may only report by recommending the adoption of a series of amendments to the House or Senate bill which was the subject of the conference or it may offer an amendment striking everything after the enacting clause of any such bill referred to the committee. Such amendments shall accompany the conference committee report which shall be attached to the original measure submitted to conference. In any event the conference committee may recommend, as part of its report, the adoption or rejection of any or all of the amendments theretofore adopted by either House. Conference reports must be approved and signed by a majority of the managers on the part of each House.

Rule 3.1—Form of measure, is amended to read:

3.1—Form of measure

(a) General Form. All bills shall be typewritten, double spaced, in a type size of pica or larger, of black type, without erasure or interlineation, on plain white bond paper of a common legal size. The copies must be exact duplicates of the original. The top margin shall be at least one and one-half (1½) inches. All bills shall be on paper with thirty-one (31) numbered spaces, the first beginning not less than eight (8) nor more than ten (10) spaces from the top of the page, and vertical guidelines as prescribed by the Secretary of the Senate, with the words "a bill to be entitled" appearing on the first numbered space of the first page. These requirements may be waived by the Secretary of the Senate as to the general appropriations bill, but in such event shall be in a form approved by the Secretary. The first page shall be aligned on the page substantially according to the following form:

(Same form as on page 23 of your Rules Book)

(b) Bill backing and number of copies. The original must be backed in a folder-jacket signed by the sponsor(s) with six (6) exact copies, four (4) of which are backed with jackets prescribed by the Secretary. On these jackets shall be inscribed the name and district number of the introducer and any co-introducers or the introducing committee and its chairman, enough of the title for identification, and clearly stamped on the jacket, one of each at the space provided for the number "Duplicate", "Third Copy", "Fourth Copy", "House Copy". The remaining two (2) unbacked copies shall be attached inside the original bill.

(c) New and Deleted Matter (no change)

(Balance of Rule 3.1 remains the same)

Rule 3.3—Form of local bills, is amended to read:

3.3—Form of Local Bills

As required by article III, section 10 of the Constitution, all local bills must either embody provision for ratifying referenda (stated in the title as well as in the text of the bill) or be accompanied by an affidavit of proper advertisement. Forms of affidavit may be obtained from the Secretary of the Senate. All local bills which require publication shall, when introduced, have proof of publication securely attached to the original copy of the bill as the first or front page thereof, and the words, "Proof of Publication Attached" clearly typed or stamped on the Senate side of the bill jacket or cover, or the same shall be rejected by the Secretary.

Rule 3.12—Introducers of bills, is amended to read:

3.12—Introducers of bills

Bills shall be introduced by a Senator or group of Senators whose signature or signatures are affixed to the original, or

by any committee with the name of the committee and the signature of the chairman of the committee affixed to the original. A bill introduced by a committee may be co-sponsored by any Senator whose signature is affixed to the original. The general appropriations bill shall be introduced by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The first paragraph of Rule 4.8—Reference to Ways and Means Committee; claims bills

4.8—Reference to Ways and Means Committee; Claims bills

All bills authorizing or substantially affecting appropriations shall be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. All bills substantially affecting tax revenue shall be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. A bill not referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by operation hereof, but which is subsequently amended so as to reasonably respond to criteria enunciated herein may, at the discretion of the President, be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rule 7.8—House amendments to Senate bills, is amended to read:

7.8—House amendments to Senate bills

After the reading of a House amendment to a Senate bill, the Senate may: (1) amend the House amendment, or (2) concur in the House amendment, or (3) refuse to concur in the House amendment and ask the House to recede, or (4) request a conference committee. The adoption of all the foregoing motions shall be by majority vote.

On motion by Senator Brantley the foregoing report of the Committee on Rules and Calendar was adopted.

The Committee on Commerce recommends the following pass:

SB 5	SB 11
SB 10	SB 24 with 1 amendment

The Committee on Education recommends the following pass:
SB 70

The Committee on Governmental Operations recommends the following pass: SB 45, SB 77, SB 145

The Committee on Judiciary-Civil recommends the following pass: SB 30 with 1 amendment, SB 64

The Committee on Judiciary-Criminal recommends the following pass:

SB 115	SB 7	SB 136 with 3 amendments
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The Committee on Natural Resources and Conservation recommends the following pass: SB 116

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass:

SB 23	SB 105 with 3 amendments
SB 33 with 1 amendment	

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were placed on the calendar.

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass: SB 141 with 6 amendments

The bill was referred to the Committee on Education under the original reference.

The Committee on Commerce recommends the following pass: SB 2

The bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary—Civil under the original reference.

The Committee on Judiciary-Civil recommends the following pass: SB 28

The Committee on Judiciary-Criminal recommends the following pass: SB 42, SB 29

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass: SB 146 with 1 amendment

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Commerce under the original reference.

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass: SB 96 with 1 amendment

The bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary-Criminal under the original reference.

The Committee on Commerce recommends the following pass: SB 48

The Committee on Governmental Operations recommends the following pass:

SB 92 with 1 amendment SB 73
SB 111 with 4 amendments SB 87
SB 119 with 2 amendments

The Committee on Judiciary-Criminal recommends the following pass:

SB 125 with 3 amendments SB 143 with 2 amendments

The Committee on Natural Resources and Conservation recommends the following pass: SB 46

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass: SB 22 with 1 amendment

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means under the original reference.

The Committee on Governmental Operations recommends a Committee Substitute for the following: SB 55

The Committee on Judiciary-Criminal recommends a Committee Substitute for the following: SB 31

The bills with Committee Substitutes attached contained in the foregoing reports were placed on the calendar.

The Committee on Governmental Operations recommends a Committee Substitute for the following: SB 44

The bill with Committee Substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means under the original reference.

The Committee on Commerce recommends the following not pass: SB 47

The Committee on Judiciary-Civil recommends the following not pass: SB 99

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were laid on the table.

The Committee on Rules and Calendar recommends that the following bills be placed on Special Order for Tuesday, April 6, 1976, at 3:00 p.m.: Senate Bills 116, 24, 77, 45, 115, 30 and 7.

Respectfully submitted,
Lew Brantley, Chairman

MOTIONS RELATING TO COMMITTEE REFERENCE

On motion by Senator Myers, by two-thirds vote SB 311 was withdrawn from the Committee on Governmental Operations.

On motion by Senator Holloway, by two-thirds vote SB 80 was withdrawn from the Committees on Health and Rehabilitative Services, Governmental Operations and Ways and Means and indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Senator Sayler, by two-thirds vote SB 67 was withdrawn from the Committees on Commerce, Ways and Means Subcommittee A and Ways and Means and indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Senator Poston, by two-thirds vote SB 460 was withdrawn from the Committees on Judiciary-Criminal and Ways and Means and indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Senator Deeb, by two-thirds vote SB 417 was withdrawn from the Committee on Governmental Operations.

On motion by Senator J. Thomas, by two-thirds vote SB 173 was withdrawn from the Special Master and the Committee on Ways and Means and indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Senator Scarborough, by two-thirds vote SB 103 was withdrawn from the Committees on Transportation and Ways and Means and indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Senator Deeb, by two-thirds vote SB 127 was withdrawn from the Committee on Ways and Means and indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Senator Gordon, by two-thirds vote SB 44 was withdrawn from the Committee on Ways and Means and placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

By direction of the President, the following executive orders were read:

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 75-54 Executive Order of Reinstatement

WHEREAS, Harry Harris was suspended as Commissioner of Monroe County, Florida, pursuant to Executive Order of the Governor Number 75-17, dated April 22, 1975, and

WHEREAS, prosecution was had on the charges contained in the Indictment on which the aforesaid suspension was based, and

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the Honorable Richard E. Gerstein, State Attorney of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, that said Harry Harris was acquitted of bribery on June 20, 1975, and

WHEREAS, I have been further advised by the Honorable Richard E. Gerstein, State Attorney of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, that the Indictment against Harry Harris for accepting unauthorized compensation was dismissed on Tuesday, October 7, 1975;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REUBIN O'D. ASKEW, as Governor of the State of Florida, by the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Florida, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, effective immediately:

1. That Harry Harris be, and he is hereby, reinstated to the public office which he held at the time of the abovementioned suspension, to-wit: County Commissioner of Monroe County, Florida.

2. That Executive Order of the Governor Number 75-17 is hereby revoked and the suspension of Harry Harris is terminated, pursuant to Section 7(a) of Article IV, Florida Constitution, 1968.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 16th day of October, A.D., 1975.

Reubin O'D. Askew
Governor

Attest:
Bruce C. Smathers
Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 75-62
Executive Order of Suspension

WHEREAS, James K. Sorenson is presently serving as a member of the Charter Review Board of Sarasota County, and

WHEREAS, it has been alleged that the said James K. Sorenson has violated the duties and public trust of his public office, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida, an investigation has been made of the charges against James K. Sorenson, and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 1975, the Charter Review Board of the County of Sarasota and State of Florida found James K. Sorenson guilty of neglect of duty as a member of said board by reason of his failure since November 21, 1974 to attend any regular meetings of said board, and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 1975, it was the consensus of the Charter Review Board of the County of Sarasota that action be taken to suspend and remove said James K. Sorenson from membership, and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 1975, the Charter Review Board of the County of Sarasota resolved to request that the Honorable Reubin O'D. Askew, Governor of the State of Florida, in consideration of the foregoing circumstances and findings, take appropriate action to suspend said James K. Sorenson from office as a member of the Charter Review Board of the County of Sarasota;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REUBIN O'D. ASKEW, as Governor, pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida, do hereby find, determine and allege as follows:

A. That the acts and violations alleged herein all occurred during the present term of office of James K. Sorenson as a "county officer" within the meaning of Section 7, Article IV, Florida Constitution (1968), to-wit: Member of the Charter Review Board of Sarasota County, Florida.

B. That said James K. Sorenson did commit the acts and violations of duty and public trust of his public office as alleged in the resolution attached hereto and hereby incorporated in the Executive Order as allegations of facts constituting grounds for suspension under Article IV, Section 7(a), Florida Constitution.

C. That the facts alleged herein constitute the offenses of misfeasance, incompetence and neglect of duty as such offenses are used in Section 7(a), Article IV, Florida Constitution.

D. That the interest of the residents of Sarasota County, Florida, and the citizens of the State of Florida can best be served by the immediate suspension of James K. Sorenson from the public office which he now holds.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida the following Executive Order is hereby promulgated effective at 5:00 p.m. on December 29, 1975:

1. James K. Sorenson is hereby suspended as and from the public office which he now holds, to-wit: Member of the Charter Review Board of the County of Sarasota, State of Florida.

2. That James K. Sorenson is hereby prohibited from performing any official act, duty or function of public office, from receiving any pay or allowances, and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from the effective date hereof, until further executive order, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 29th day of December, 1975.

Reubin O'D. Askew
Governor

Attest:
Bruce C. Smathers
Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 75-30
Executive Order of Suspension

WHEREAS, CONLEY MARTIN is presently serving as a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, and

WHEREAS, it has been alleged by citizens of Walton County that the said CONLEY MARTIN has violated the duties and public trust of his public office, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, an investigation has been made of the charges against the said CONLEY MARTIN, and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 1975, the Grand Jury of the County of Walton and State of Florida returned a true bill charging the said CONLEY MARTIN with criminal violations of the laws of Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REUBIN O'D. ASKEW, as Governor, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, do hereby find, determine and allege as follows:

A. That the acts and violations alleged herein all occurred during the present term of office of CONLEY MARTIN as a "county officer" within the meaning of Section 7, Article IV, Florida Constitution (1968), to-wit: County Commissioner, Walton County, Florida.

B. That said CONLEY MARTIN did commit the acts and violations of Florida law as alleged in the Indictment attached hereto and hereby incorporated in this Executive Order as allegations of facts constituting grounds for suspension under Article IV, Section 7(a), Florida Constitution.

C. That the facts alleged herein constitute the offenses of malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, commission of a felony or incompetence as such offenses are used in Section 7(a), Article IV, Florida Constitution.

D. That the interest of the residents of Walton County, Florida, and the citizens of the State of Florida can best be served by the immediate suspension of CONLEY MARTIN from the public office which he now holds.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, the following Executive Order is hereby promulgated effective at 5:00 p.m. on June 2, 1975.

1. CONLEY MARTIN is hereby suspended as and from the public office which he now holds, to-wit: County Commissioner, Walton County, Florida.

2. That CONLEY MARTIN is hereby prohibited from performing any official act, duty or function of public office, from receiving any pay or allowances, and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from the effective date hereof, until further executive order, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 2nd day of June, 1975.

Reubin O'D. Askew
Governor

Attest:
Bruce C. Smathers
Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 75-58
Executive Order of Reinstatement

WHEREAS, Conley Martin was suspended as County Commissioner of Walton County, Florida, pursuant to Executive Order of the Governor Number 75-30, dated June 2, 1975, and

WHEREAS, prosecution was had on the charges contained in the Indictment on which the aforesaid suspension was based, and

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the Honorable Curtis A. Golden, State Attorney of the First Judicial Circuit of Florida, that said Conley Martin was acquitted of bribery on November 19, 1975;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REUBIN O'D. ASKEW, as Governor of the State of Florida, by the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Florida, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, effective immediately:

1. That Conley Martin be, and he is hereby, reinstated to the public office which he held at the time of the abovementioned suspension, to-wit: County Commissioner of Walton County, Florida.

2. That Executive Order of the Governor Number 75-30 is hereby revoked and the suspension of Conley Martin is terminated, pursuant to Section 7(a) of Article IV, Florida Constitution, 1968.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 26th day of November, A.D., 1975.

Reubin O'D. Askew
Governor

Attest:
Bruce C. Smathers
Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 76-10

WHEREAS, JAMES K. SORENSON, was suspended as a county officer of Sarasota County, Florida, pursuant to Executive Order No. 75-62, dated December 29, 1975, and in accordance with Section 7 of Article IV, Florida Constitution (1968) and the Laws of Florida, and

WHEREAS, I have received a resignation from JAMES K. SORENSON, resigning as a member of the Charter Review Board of Sarasota County, dated March 1, 1976, and accepted by me on March 11, 1976;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REUBIN O'D. ASKEW, as Governor of the State of Florida, by the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Florida, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, effective immediately:

Section 1.

That Executive Order of the Governor Number 75-62 is hereby revoked and the suspension of JAMES K. SORENSON is terminated, pursuant to Section 7(a) of Article IV, Florida Constitution (1968).



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 15th day of March, 1976.

Reubin O'D. Askew
Governor

Attest:
Bruce C. Smathers
Secretary of State

—which were referred to the Select Committee on Executive Suspensions.

On motion by Senator Scarborough, by two-thirds vote the rules were waived and the Senate took up the Special Order Calendar submitted by the Committee on Rules and Calendar for this day.

SPECIAL ORDER

On motion by Senator Spicola, by two-thirds vote—

SB 116—A bill to be entitled An act relating to environmental land and water management; amending s. 380.06(2), (8), Florida Statutes; providing for determination of whether particular developments shall be presumed to be of regional impact; prescribing factors for regional planning agencies to consider in making reports and recommendations to local governments on the regional impact of proposed developments; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Henderson moved the following amendment which was adopted:

Amendment 1—On page 1, line 28 after the period, add a new sentence: Such guidelines and standards shall be subject to legislative review as provided in subsection (2) of section 380.10, Florida Statutes.

On motion by Senator Spicola, by two-thirds vote SB 116 as amended was read the third time by title, passed and certified to the House after engrossing. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—34

Mr. President	Graham	Myers	Thomas, P.
Brantley	Hair	Peterson	Tobiassen
Childers, D.	Henderson	Plante	Vogt
Childers, W. D.	Holloway	Renick	Ware
Deeb	Johnston	Sayler	Wilson
Dunn	Lane, J.	Scarborough	Winn
Firestone	Lewis	Spicola	Zinkil
Gallen	MacKay	Stolzenburg	
Gordon	McClain	Thomas, J.	

Nays—4

Glisson	Poston	Saunders	Sims
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By unanimous consent Senator D. Lane was recorded as voting yea.

On motion by Senator W. D. Childers, by two-thirds vote—

SB 24—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dispensing opticians; amending s. 484.06, Florida Statutes, relating to unlawful advertising, to permit the offering of discounts and the advertising of price or credit terms; creating s. 484.12, Florida Statutes, prohibiting the State Board of Dispensing Opticians from adopting a rule or policy which prohibits dispensing opticians from offering discounts or from advertising any price or credit terms; requiring all advertisements to be approved by the board; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

The Committee on Commerce offered the following amendment which was moved by Senator W. D. Childers and adopted:

Amendment 1—On page 2, lines 15-19, strike after the word "service." on line 15, all of lines 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19

Senator W. D. Childers moved the following title amendment which was adopted:

Amendment 2—On page 1, lines 13 and 14, strike the words "requiring all advertisements to be approved by the board;"

On motion by Senator W. D. Childers, by two-thirds vote SB 24 as amended was read the third time by title, passed and certified to the House after engrossing. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—40

Mr. President	Deeb	Glisson	Henderson
Brantley	Dunn	Gordon	Holloway
Childers, D.	Firestone	Graham	Johnston
Childers, W. D.	Gallen	Hair	Lane, D.

Lane, J.	Plante	Sims	Trask
Lewis	Poston	Spicola	Vogt
MacKay	Renick	Stolzenburg	Ware
McClain	Saunders	Thomas, J.	Wilson
Myers	Sayler	Thomas, P.	Winn
Peterson	Scarborough	Tobiassen	Zinkil

Nays—None

On motions by Senator Firestone, by two-thirds vote—

SB 77—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Business Regulation; adding s. 20.16(12), Florida Statutes; authorizing the establishment of uniform application forms and certificates of license within the department; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title and by two-thirds vote was read the third time by title, passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—40

Mr. President	Graham	Myers	Stolzenburg
Brantley	Hair	Peterson	Thomas, J.
Childers, D.	Henderson	Plante	Thomas, P.
Childers, W. D.	Holloway	Poston	Tobiassen
Deeb	Johnston	Renick	Trask
Dunn	Lane, D.	Saunders	Vogt
Firestone	Lane, J.	Sayler	Ware
Gallen	Lewis	Scarborough	Wilson
Glisson	MacKay	Sims	Winn
Gordon	McClain	Spicola	Zinkil

Nays—None

On motions by Senator Myers, by two-thirds vote—

SB 45—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Division of Purchasing; amending s. 287.032, Florida Statutes; providing for an annual performance audit and report; requiring report to be submitted to the Legislative Auditing Committee within 60 days after response to audit by affected agency; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title and by two-thirds vote was read the third time by title, passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

Mr. President	Hair	Peterson	Thomas, J.
Brantley	Henderson	Plante	Thomas, P.
Childers, D.	Holloway	Poston	Tobiassen
Childers, W. D.	Johnston	Renick	Trask
Deeb	Lane, D.	Saunders	Vogt
Dunn	Lane, J.	Sayler	Ware
Firestone	Lewis	Scarborough	Wilson
Glisson	MacKay	Sims	Winn
Gordon	McClain	Spicola	Zinkil
Graham	Myers	Stolzenburg	

Nays—None

By unanimous consent Senator Gallen was recorded as voting yea.

On motion by Senator Dunn, by two-thirds vote—

SB 115—A bill to be entitled An act relating to witnesses in criminal proceedings; amending s. 914.04, Florida Statutes; providing that no person shall be excused from complying with a subpoena or subpoena duces tecum on the basis of his privilege against self-incrimination; providing the witness with immunity from the use of any compelled testimony or other information derived from such testimony, against him in any criminal case, except in a prosecution for perjury, giving a false statement, or in a proceeding for contempt for failing to comply with the subpoena or subpoena duces tecum; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Myers moved that further consideration of SB 115 be temporarily deferred and the motion failed.

Senator Plante announced that Subcommittee C of the Committee on Ways and Means would not meet from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. this day and April 7 as scheduled.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, a point of order was called and the Senate adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to convene at 8:30 a.m., April 7, 1976, for the purpose of introduction and reference of resolutions, memorials, bills and joint resolutions.